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Will Face Taylor In November...

Keenan Wins State Primary

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Conventional wisdom no longer exists in Agawam politics in the wake of Daniel F. Keenan's victory in Tuesday's Democratic Primary race for the Third Hampden District state representative seat. Keenan will now face Republican James Taylor, President of the Agawam Town Council, in the general election on November 8th.

A Blandford lawyer and political newcomer, Keenan was virtually unknown in Agawam six months ago, yet he defeated third-term Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas by 530 votes district-wide and by 154 votes in Agawam.

In Agawam, Keenan swept four of the town's seven precincts for a total of 1,429 to Bitzas' 1,275.

In what many political observers termed a low turnout rate of 24 percent, 3,667 ballots were cast in Agawam.

In Southwick, the vote was Keenan 430 and Bitzas 152. With 23 percent of the registered voters casting ballots, voter turnout was considered to be fairly good. The last primary in Southwick drew only about 500 voters, according to the Southwick Town Clerk's Office.

Surprised at the outcome of the vote in Agawam, Keenan said, "Knocking on 4,000 doors in Agawam and Southwick made the difference."

Keenan said he's looking to unite the Democratic party in his bid for the seat being vacated by 12-year veteran State Representative Michael P. Walsh. Walsh announced his decision not to seek another term last February.

Walsh Especially Pleased To Support Keenan

With the primary over, Walsh said that while he would have supported any Democrat, he was especially pleased to support Keenan. Walsh said Keenan has worked hard and shown a willingness to make the personal sacrifices necessary for a freshman representative.

Town Councilor Walter Balboni said Keenan would carry on the traditions of Walsh, if elected in November. "He'll make a fine representative for the area," Balboni said.

Accompanied by his campaign manager, Pat Nolan, and several of his supporters, Bitzas visited Keenan headquarters to congratulate his opponent.

As the two shook hands, Bitzas said, "I have a lot of respect for the hard work you did."

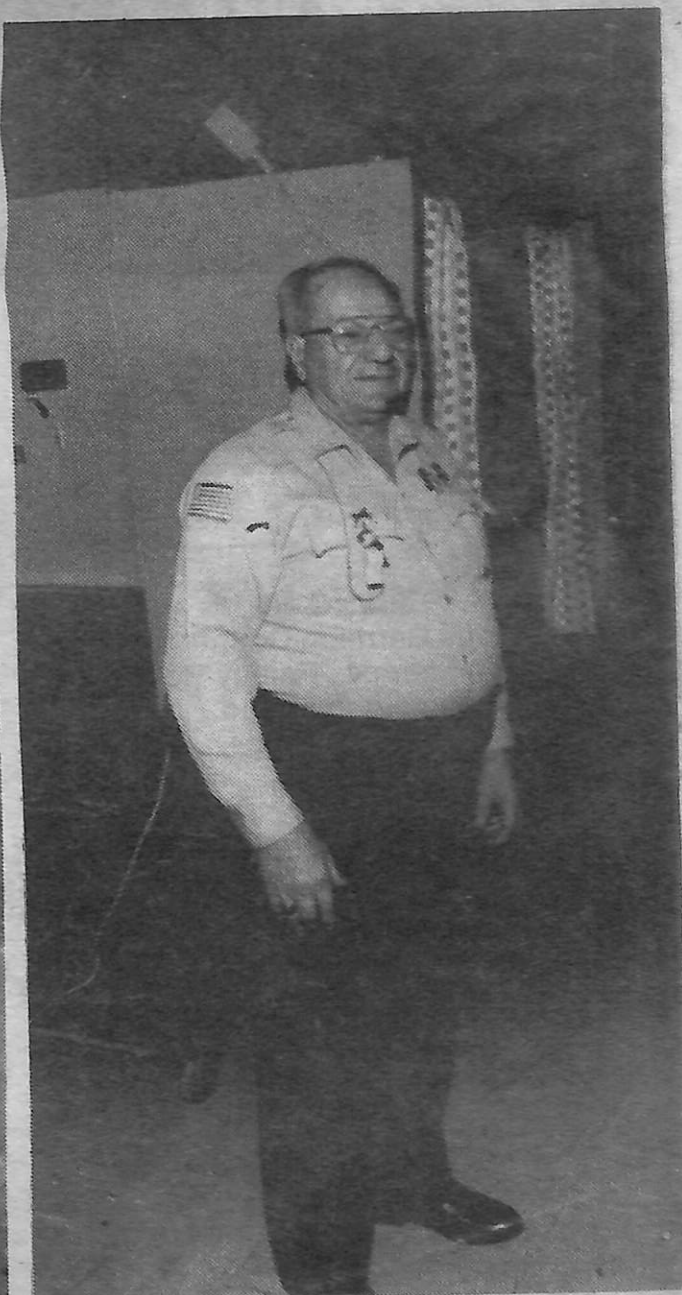
Disappointed with the results of the campaign, Bitzas said he blamed his defeat on the low voter turnout and said he was not closing the door on a future bid for state office.

Bitzas said he was not ready to make a commitment to support Keenan. "I'll probably stay neutral in the campaign," Bitzas added.

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AT THE POLLS ON TUESDAY, from left - James Taylor, state rep. candidate (R); George Bitzas, state rep. candidate (D); Douglas Bodman, Sue Bedmarzyk, and Violet Lacroix. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERVING AS AN ELECTION WARDEN on Primary Day at James Clark School was John Chriscola. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Elated by Keenan's strong win in Agawam, campaign manager Robert Molta urged campaign workers and Keenan supporters to be humble. "We have a long hard road ahead for Dan Keenan."

According to Molta, the campaign's strategy was to do well in Agawam, but to rely on Southwick and the hilltowns to put Keenan over the top. "But Dan did even better than that," Molta said.

Molta said the campaign will continue to be a grass roots effort drawing on a broad base of support.

Victory Celebration At E.B.'s Restaurant

With his family and supporters, a mix of faces familiar in Agawam politics and first-time political activists, Keenan gathered at E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension for a victory celebration.

"It's a pleasure to see a young man with such a great future ahead of him win this election," said Rosemary Sandlin, a former School Committee member. "It's good to see a true Democrat win a Democratic Primary."

Keenan said the voters want a state representative who will listen to what they have to say and turn that into a concrete idea to communicate to the legislature.

Walsh predicted an "interesting race" as Keenan squares off against Taylor. Walsh easily defeated Taylor four years ago.

"Dan did very well in Agawam," Walsh said. "To win over a guy as well-thought-of as George says a lot."

In his second bid for the office, Taylor told us, "Fasten your seatbelt. It should be quite a ride."

Taylor said the Republican Town Committee would be sponsoring a televised debate between he and Keenan in late October. "There should be debates," Taylor added.

Taylor said he would continue going door-to-door to meet the voters, stressing the progress that has been made in the past 18 months of his tenure as Agawam Town Council President.

Citing the purchase of Tuckahoe Turf Farm and the Agawam Country Club for the preservation of open space and the construction of a new fire station as examples, Taylor said, "There's been more progress in the last 18 months than in the last 18 years."

In addition to Agawam and Southwick, the Third Hampden District includes Russell, Blandford, Granville, and Tolland.



CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS for George Bitzas were buzzing around the polling areas throughout the day. From left - Jill Zouridakis, Brenda Theriaque, Chris Machos, and Al Gagliarducci, who was holding a sign for Democrat Marie Mazza, winner of the Democratic Primary for Hampden County Clerk of Courts. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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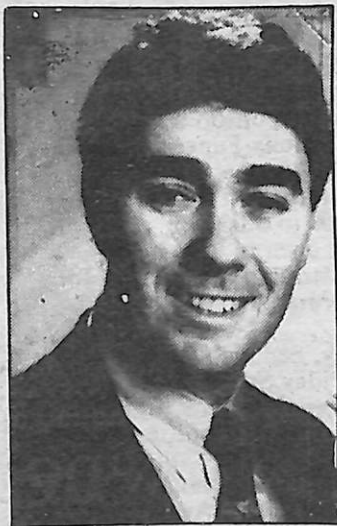
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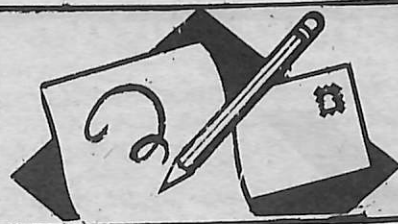
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- B.A. Business/Economics, St. Anselm College.
- Graduate Southwick School System.

EXPERIENCED:

- 1984-87: Department Of Revenue Tax Auditor.
- 1988-90: Tax Specialist With Coopers & Lybrand.
- 1990-Present: Attorney With The Law Firm Of Arvanitis, Phelan, & Molta.



Letters To The Editor

AHS Field Hockey Players Upset About Conditions

To The Editor:

This letter is regarding the use of the Agawam High School field hockey field during the Riverside Soccer Classic Tournament held Labor Day weekend.

The previous week, all sports teams held a week of five double session practices. During these practices, we, the field hockey team, were requested to stay off the areas in front of both goals as much time had been spent to reseed these areas. We avoided the areas and by the end of the week, there were signs of grass coming in.

The Riverside Tournament used every field in town. Our athletic director asked that our field not be used since it is our only field for both practices and games. This request was denied. Instead, certain conditions were agreed upon concerning the use of the field.

These included moving the goals to spare the new grass; no new lines were to be made on the field; and the field was to be rolled immediately after the games finished on Monday.

When we returned to practice on Tuesday afternoon, we were disappointed to discover new, yellow lines on our field, a large, dusty area of dirt in front of the goals in place of the new grass, and a machine just beginning to roll the field.

The most disappointing was the condition of the goal areas. Dust is extremely hard to play in and new grass is impossible to grow on a field which is used daily for practices and games.

We would greatly appreciate any arrangements that could be made to avoid future use of our field. We work hard to proudly represent our Agawam athletic program and would appreciate a field hockey field which we could also take pride in.

Thank You,
Chris Bousquet
Katie LaBreck

Senior Co-Captains/Varsity Field Hockey

Thanks For Past Coverage; Callahan Committee Events

To The Editor:

Thank you for your excellent coverage of our past events. This letter serves to announce the Marc A. Callahan Memorial Fund's upcoming season of fundraising events, culminating with the annual "A Very Special Evening - Part IV."

The formal, blacktie gala event will be held on **February 13, 1995** at the **Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel**. This year, our primary sponsor will be **X-Cellent Discount Wines & Liquors** of Springfield.

In preparation for the February main event, we will kickoff the season with our next fundraiser, a **Wine Tasting** to be held on Sunday, October 16th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. by this year's sponsor, **X-Cellent Discount Wines & Liquors**.

This benefit will be held at the Bay State West Mezzanine and will offer not only an array of **X-Cellent Discount Wines & Liquors'** select wines, but also a host of Hors D'Oeuvres prepared by 15 local restaurants, most of which are located in the

Bay State West complex.

Live entertainment will be provided all evening by vocalist-instrumentalists Schumann & Carter, and raffles and door prizes will abound. Donations are \$15 per person. All proceeds will benefit the VNA of Pioneer Valley, Inc. HIV/AIDS Hospice Support Programs; checks and contributions should be made payable to the **Marc A. Callahan Memorial Fund**.

Anyone wishing to attend the Wine Tasting can call Ray Miller (786-5568; 525-4238), Neil & Diane Shecrallah (572-1332), or Bette Wright (786-2393).

Sincerely,
Raymond J. Miller & Anne Brunelle
Chairpersons

Agawam Golden Agers (Ch. 2) Enjoy Trip To New Jersey

To The Editor:

On the road again!

Forty-five members of the Agawam Golden Agers (Chapter 2) recently took a five-day bus tour to Wildwood Crest, New Jersey. These "traveling" seniors enjoyed the following: an "inn" with the ocean, tours of Philadelphia, stopping at the Betsy Ross home, the U.S. Mint, the Liberty Bell, and other historical places.

In addition, they took a tour of a winery, where they had a fabulous meal. (All the wine was free!) Furthermore, there were two trips to A.C. Country and a visit to a zoo.

Another highlight of the trip was the birthday celebration for Ernest Swanson, who just so happened to turn 80 during this trip.

The weather was simply delightful. To tour planner Frank Paradiso, he is the greatest - "Oh, Gumbaree!"

A joy to report
Eddie Barako
Feeding Hills

Agawam Resident Doesn't See Benefits Of Casino Gambling

To The Editor:

Please, Ed Carroll, don't preach how a casino in my backyard will benefit my family and our town.

I cannot see how a constant stream of gambling-starved outsiders will help make our community a better place to live. To let you explain how the field is unbalanced and how you must put a gambling casino here is an insult to our town.

Yes, Riverside has been a business friend to our town based on the theme of family, but now the theme has changed to one of a rainbow with no gold in the pot at the end of it.

P. McNair
Adams Street
Agawam

Letter Writers Misguided By "Experts" During Primary

To The Editor:

In last week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News* (September 15th), there were two letters written by Laura Harrington and Sue and Wayne Hearn. It is to them and their remarks that I address this letter.

Understand, by the time this letter is published, the election will be over; therefore, no one can unjustly accuse me of trying to play games with the primary. Also, I understand fully that writing those letters was not Ms. Harrington nor the Hearn's idea; they merely allowed themselves to be

misguided by people who are expert at misleading otherwise good people.

I, to my knowledge, never met either of the letter writers, so I don't understand how they can allow themselves to make false accusations by referring to me as one of the "Good Old Boys." I'm certainly not old, and in all the previous mayoral elections, I supported no one who could be considered among the "Good Old Boys."

One thing that I am proud of is that I never publicly say things that can not be proven, and I don't use people for personal or political gain. It is unfortunate, but few people in Agawam politics can say that.

George Bitzas certainly can't, especially since it is no secret that he personally asked the "King" of the "Good Old Boys" for help, and got it. It is also laughable that George and his three unwitting accomplices tried to use signs as a negative campaign issue. Perhaps Laura, Sue, and Wayne should take a closer look at where George has some of his signs.

And if George would like to dispute these remarks, I would be happy to publicly debate him on this and any issue. It's a shame that hypocrisy has become so blatant in Agawam politics. It may be political suicide, but I'm glad I could never be a part of that hypocrisy.

In closing, I would like to repeat that I never met Laura, Sue, or Wayne. It is a situation that I would like to rectify. If people are going to say things about me, they should at least meet me first. That way they can decide for *THEMSELVES* as to what type of person I am.

I can also find out if they are, as I believe, actually nice people who were misled by people who are not so nice. In fact, anyone who wants to speak with me or wants their questions or concerns answered honestly and factually, please feel free to call. Or, if you need any help, I'm in the book.

Sincerely
Louis J. Russo
Feeding Hills

Taylor Thanks Supporters For Help During Primary Season

To The Editor:

With the primary behind us, I would like to thank all the people who have been so supportive of my candidacy in the Third Hampden District representative race. I appreciate it very much.

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Tuesday, September 27th
Support group for widows &
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At St. Paul Lutheran Church,
181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow
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Friday, September 30th
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Not Much Action At The Polls On Tuesday



POLLS WORKERS James J. Quinn and Lorraine W. Walker had a pretty easy day on Tuesday at Phelps School. Only 24 percent of the town's registered voters turned out at the polls.

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BETTY GRADY was one of the poll workers at James Clark School on Tuesday. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1994** at 7:00 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the

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appeal of **LAWRENCE & PAULA MONTAGNA** who are seeking a Special Use Permit Exception in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances which would allow for the creation of a second housekeeping unit at the premises identified as 324 MEADOW STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald A. Hebert
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Agawam Obituaries

Stanley T. Dymon

Stanley T. Dymon, 67, of 69 Coronet Circle, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a design engineer for several manufacturing firms in the area, and retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Indian Orchard, and was a graduate of the old Trade High School. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served with the Allied occupation forces in Germany.

He moved to Feeding Hills in 1962, and was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

He belonged to the Polish-American Clubs in Feeding Hills and Chicopee, the Polish-American Veterans in Wilbraham, and the Chicopee Elks Lodge.

His wife, the former Irene T. Wyrobek, died in 1980.

He leaves a son, John M. of Jacksonville, Florida; a daughter, Lydia A. Roncarati of Feeding Hills; four brothers, Walter of Chicopee, Edward of Vernon, CT, Mitchell of Indian Orchard, and Ted of Ludlow; two sisters, Helen Pawlowski and Ginger Szabla of Ludlow; two grandsons; a step-granddaughter; and his fiancée, Delores Labbee of Hatfield.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Aloysius Cemetery in Indian Orchard.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115-6060.

Emma L. LaFountain

Emma (LaHart) LaFountain, 94, of 100 Harvey Johnson Drive, and formerly of Indian Orchard, Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

She was a retired 15-year seamstress at the former LaTrique Co. in the Orchard, and also worked at the former American Bosch Corp. factory in Springfield for several years.

She was born in Ausable Forks, New York, and lived in the Orchard for 50 years. She was a communicant of St. Aloysius Church there.

Her husband, Peter LaFountain, died in 1955.

Mrs. LaFountain leaves a daughter-in-law, Theresa (Brunner) Brothers of Monson; four grandchildren, Clarence J. LaFountain Jr. of Feeding Hills, Jeffrey LaFountain of Holyoke, Donna Riddles of Agawam, and Mary Gero of Ludlow; six great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Her son, Clarence J. LaFountain, died in 1987. The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, all in Indian Orchard.

Allen D. Ferioli

Allen D. Ferioli, 83, of 137 Main Street, Agawam, a retired 44-year foreman for General Fibre Box Company, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1973, and later was a mechanic at the Twin Hills Country Club for 10 years. Born in West Springfield, he lived there for many years before moving here 40 years ago.

He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church, and a member of the Sound of Music Organ Club and the Verdi Club, all in West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Ada C. Fortini; a daughter, Fran Mackintosh of Longmeadow; a brother, Dante of Agawam; two sisters, Alice Pandolfi of West Springfield and Marie Ardolino of Springfield; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be on Friday morning, September 23rd, at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield. Calling hours will be on Thursday, September 22nd, during the afternoon and evening.

Joseph C. Davio

Joseph C. Davio, 82, of 1077 Main Street, Agawam, a self-employed cabinetmaker and kitchen specialist for more than 40 years, died in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was born in West Springfield and lived here for more than 50 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as a staff sergeant in the invasion of Normandy, and was in charge of the 19th Replacement Depot.

He was wounded in battle and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Josephine R. Edwards. His first wife, the former Mary R. Cignoli, died in 1961. He leaves a stepson, John F. Petros of Montgomery; three stepdaughters, Josephine Stone of Jacksonville, Florida, Frances Petros and Helen Petros of Westfield; a sister, Irma Casella of Agawam, and five grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home in Agawam and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Cornelia M. MacFadzen

Cornelia M. (Forand) MacFadzen, 61, of 24 Seymour Avenue, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Marlboro, she lived formerly in Athol, and attended local schools. She settled in Agawam 29 years ago.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and was a teacher and principal of its Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program.

She was a Cub Scout leader in the church's Boy Scout Troop 77, and was awarded a statuette by the late Bishop Christopher J. Weldon for her Scouting service.

She leaves her husband, Cyrus H. MacFadzen; three sons, Ronald J. of Springfield, Mark G. of Groton, CT, and Gerard J. of Springfield; a brother, Phillip Forand of Jacksonville, FL; a sister, Beatrice Goulet of Athol; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Thursday morning, September 22nd, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may go to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946.

Jacqueline M. Deyo

Jacqueline M. (Golden) Deyo, 70, of 27 Meadowbrook Manor, died Tuesday at home.

She was a bookkeeper at Riviera Beach Savings & Trust Company in Florida for several years, and previously at Springfield Wire Company.

Born in Springfield, she lived in North Palm Beach, Florida, and moved here in 1983. She was an associate member of the Agawam Senior Games Athletic Association.

She leaves her husband of 53 years, Harold F. Deyo; two daughters, Caroline Williams of

Agawam and Christine Friguglietti of Springfield; a brother, Robert of Vernon, Connecticut; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Another daughter, Kathleen Deyo, died in 1961.

The funeral is on Friday morning at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield.

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During the past few months, I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet many new people in the district and renew old acquaintances as well. During the coming weeks, I hope to meet many more people throughout the district.

Thank-you for your continued support as we move toward the November election.

James D. Taylor,
President, Agawam City Council &
State Representative candidate

Citizens Group Forming Against Casino In Agawam

To The Editor:

On Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, Agawam and Feeding Hills citizens who are opposed to the proposed casino at Riverside Park are invited to meet to develop an educational strategy prior to the November Referendum Question.

The meeting will begin with information about the proposal, its supposed benefits to our town, and its negative consequences.

A planning session will follow to consider how those opposed to the proposal might make the general public aware of their opposition and its reasoning. Plans for providing a presence outside the polls on Election Day will be discussed.

Finally, those in attendance will be invited to indicate their public opposition to the casino by signing a roster of names, which will then be made available to the public at large.

We encourage the citizens of Agawam to join us in saying "no" to the Casino, so that we will not "gamble" with Agawam's future.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Leonard Cowan
Atty. Bradford Martin

Negative Aspects Of Gambling Do Outweigh The Positive

To The Editor:

One of my five sisters has lived in the Atlantic City, New Jersey area for 19 years. Her husband used to work at one of the casinos.

Here are the positive aspects of gambling. It brings jobs and revenue to the towns, cities, state, and federal government.

The negative aspects are that prostitutions, rapes, robberies, murders, and people getting addicted to wasting money will increase. They have to turn to Gambling Anonymous to get out of it. The values of homes and businesses will go down. As one can see, the bad outweighs the good.

The citizens of Agawam certainly have a chance to express their views in the November election. Hopefully, the above will be of help to make up your minds.

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

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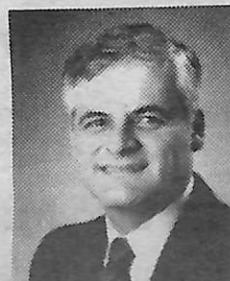
The purpose of planning ahead is simple. One day a great deal of vital information about you or a loved one will be needed by your family and those persons responsible for assisting them.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 6...

Raymond L. Casella

Dr. Raymond L. Casella, of 1294 Main St., Agawam, died in the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He specialized in internal medicine for 25 years and maintained a private practice on Shoemaker Lane.

He was also a school and sports physician for schools in the Agawam district. He was on staff at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Medical Clinic at the Federal Building in Springfield since 1985, and had been physician coordinator in 1988.

He also served on the staffs of Baystate Medical Center in Springfield and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northampton's Leeds section.

Born in Springfield, he lived most of his life in Agawam and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Tufts University in 1957 and his master of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1958. He also trained at New York Medical College in New York.

He served his internship at the old Springfield Hospital from 1962 to 1963, and his first and second year residencies in internal medicine there from 1964 to 1965. During his first year residency he also served a two-month fellowship at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

He served his third year residency from 1965 to 1966 in internal medicine at Hartford Hospital, and his fellowship at the Joslin Diabetes Clinic and New England Deaconess Hospital, both in Boston.

He was a member of the New York Academy of Sciences, the American Society of Zoologists, the American Association of the Advancement of Science, and the Lambert-Kingsley Honorary Biological Society.

He was also involved with the American Heart Association, the Massachusetts Heart Association, the Hampden District Medical Society, and the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Alpha Kappa Honorary Medical Fraternity.

He was affiliated with the American Medical Association, the American Diabetes Association, and also the John Hunter Medical Society and the American Thoracic Society.

He had articles published in many publication, including Modern Veterinary Practices, Connecticut Medicine, and The Physiologist. He also co-authored research projects and had published reviews in several professional journals, and the former New York Herald Tribune.

He held a strong interest in history and was associated with the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Springfield City Library, and The Museum of Fine Arts. He hosted slide and lecture presentations on early Connecticut Valley History.

He leaves his wife, the former Joan A. Bye; two sons, Raymond C. and Alfred R., both at home; his parents, Carl and Irma (Davio) Casella of Agawam; a brother, Alfred P. of Suffield.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, and in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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LOCAL DEMOCRATS planning the testimonial dinner for State Rep. Michael P. Walsh include, from left - Scott Letendre, Douglas Bodman, Carolyn Tetreault, Joseph Fitzpatrick, and Rudy Altobelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Democrats To Honor Walsh With Testimonial

The Agawam Democratic Committee has formalized plans for a testimonial to honor State Representative Michael P. Walsh.

Representative Walsh has served the Third Hampden District for the past 12 years. He announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection.

The testimonial will be held Thursday, October 20, 1994, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, in Agawam. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The highlight of the evening will be the presen-

tation of the "Democrat of the Year" Award to Representative Walsh. The Agawam Democratic Committee has established this award as the Michael P. Walsh Democrat of the Year Award to be presented annually to a worthy recipient.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this event. Tickets for the testimonial are \$25 per person.

For tickets or further information, contact Barbara Dunn at 786-7147; Ron Hebert at 786-4962; or Joanne Willis at 789-1360.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1994 at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of MR. FRANK DeCARO, who is seeking relief from Section 180-55 of the Zoning Or-

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dinances which would allow for the construction of a new duplex style structure at the premises identified as 9 EDITHA AVENUE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
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Melconian Pitches Communications Ctr. To Gov. Weld

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) led a delegation of business leaders from Western and Central Massachusetts that met on Monday morning, September 19th, with the Secretary of Economic Affairs, Gloria Larson. The group presented Senator Melconian's proposal to establish a Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology in the Pioneer Valley.

The project seeks to capitalize on the Pioneer Valley's critical mass of telecommunications and information technology expertise and state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure.

"All the resources are in place to make Springfield a hub for information technology activity and corporations requiring advanced telecommunications capabilities to maintain their business competitiveness," stated Senator Melconian. "The Telecommunications Center that I have proposed will connect the region's resources and enhance our ability to market the Pioneer Valley to interested firms."

The concept for a Telecommunications Center emerged from hearings held by the Senate Committee on Science and Technology throughout the Commonwealth during the fall of 1993. During the past few months, Senator Melconian convened a working group of industry, civic, and business leaders to develop a detailed plan for action.

She commented, "We really rolled up our sleeves and formulated a concrete proposal that will create high-skill, high-wage jobs for the region. Nobody took vacations this summer."

While headquartered in Springfield, the Telecommunications Center will undertake projects at sites throughout the Pioneer Valley. One of the centerpieces of the project is the establishment of a Telecommunications Industry Market Manager that will coordinate efforts to attract new business into the region.

"Corporations seeking to locate their administrative or back-office operations need to be made aware of the advantages Springfield can offer," noted Senator Melconian, adding, "Telecommunications-intensive firms can take full advantage of the state-of-the-art digital fiber optic networks. By bringing this project to fruition, the Pioneer Valley will be positioned to seize

SEE MELCONIAN - Page 10...

Taylor Supports Tough Crime Law "Three Strikes And You're Out"

James D. Taylor, candidate for State Representative in Massachusetts' Third Hampden District, has announced that he will work to institute "Three Strikes and You're Out" legislation if he is elected in November.

Taylor called for a law whereby three-time convicted felons will be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole. "This plan would target repeat offenders and prevent them from having the opportunity to repeat their crimes. After serving time for three convictions, it is obvious that these criminals cannot be rehabilitated," said Taylor.

This new law will also serve as a deterrent, pointed out Taylor. Habitual offenders may not be willing to risk life imprisonment. "These career criminals may think twice before putting the rest of their lives on the line. Hopefully, these career criminals will get into a new line of work. If not, we'll give them a new job—making license plates," Taylor commented.

Taylor, President of the Agawam City Council

and a former police officer, said, "We're told that some 75 to 90 percent of crime is committed by about five percent of the criminals. Keeping the worst offenders in prison would substantially reduce both crime and the rate of recidivism."

Currently, there are almost 400 convicts serving time in Massachusetts prisons who have been convicted of at least three felonies. Of these, over 100 of them have been convicted of at least four serious felonies.

"These people should never have been released back into society. For each of those 100-plus convicts, there is at least one victim of a crime that could have been prevented. We can't give repeat criminals the opportunity to target even more victims," emphasized Taylor.

"It is our obligation to protect innocent members of our community from people who have proven that they cannot live in society without victimizing people. If I am elected on November 8th, I will work to make sure that there are no more victims of repeat serious offenders," promised Taylor.

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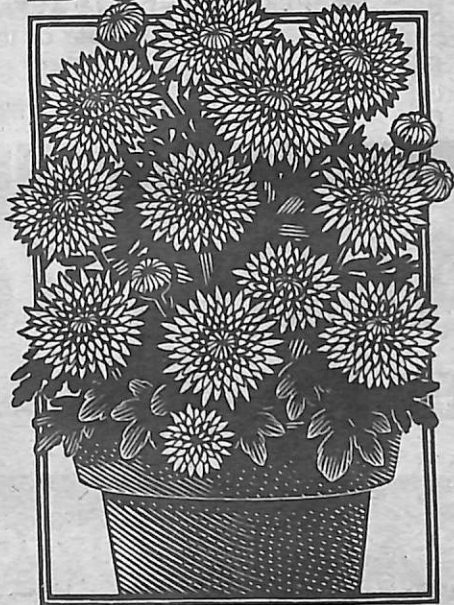
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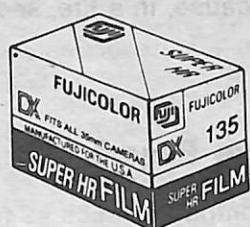
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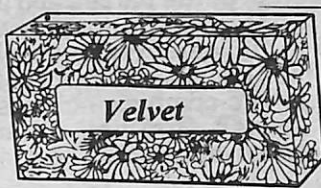
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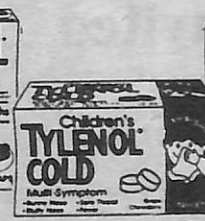
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Judge Rules Against Town In Two Aspects Of Tuckahoe Turf Wars

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The town received its first setback in the legal battle over the purchase of the 292-acre Tuckahoe turf farm when a Superior Court judge refused to grant a summary judgement in the civil rights case filed against the town by the Tuckahoe Development Corporation.

On August 30th, Judge Francis X. Spina also denied the town's request for the removal of the "lis pendens," a legal notice recorded against the deed signifying a suit is pending against a property.

The case alleges that Tuckahoe Development Corporation's rights were violated. According to Tuckahoe, a member of the town's Conservation Commission threatened a denial of any permit requested by the corporation if the corporation ever tried to develop the property. The case could come to trial as early as February 1995, according to local developer Ralph DePalma, spokesman for Tuckahoe Development.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the town would file a motion asking the judge to reconsider his decision in the civil rights case.

"In our opinion, the judge didn't spend enough time considering his opinion," Johnson said.

Johnson said the corporation has never owned any property in Agawam and has never appeared before a town commission seeking a permit. Johnson said under state and federal civil rights laws, it must be proven that an alleged threat led to a deprivation of civil rights.

At the May 2nd meeting of the Town Council, Johnson said any suit against the government must include an allegation of violation of civil rights in order for monetary damages to be collected.

"In virtually 99 percent of the cases, it's just tossed out of court," Johnson assured the council.

Latest Of Three Counts Filed Against The Town

The allegation of a civil rights violation is the latest of three counts filed against the town in June 1993 that challenges the town's action in taking the 292-acre parcel by eminent domain. The town then purchased it for \$1.1 million under the right of first refusal on agricultural land-getting (a tax exemption under Chapter 61A).

Under Chapter 61A, landowners can get a tax break on land being used for agriculture if they give the town the right of first refusal to make a matching offer (should the land be sold for a purpose other than agricultural).

The first two counts were settled in the town's favor in May, leaving the third count pending.

Regardless of the outcome of the civil rights case, DePalma said he is optimistic that his claim to the property would be upheld on appeal.

DePalma insists the town acted improperly in taking the land by eminent domain (without first having the property appraised to determine fair market value).

The property had been for sale for two years before he negotiated a bargain price of \$1.1 million with the former owners. DePalma said he was under contract to close on the property when the town stepped in and "took the land away from me."

Although his announced plan to build a golf course on the property was ridiculed at the time, DePalma maintains it was not a joke to him, but a serious plan.

However, DePalma said if that plan had fallen through, the land may have been worth approximately \$6 million if divided into the 300 residential building lots predicted by town officials.

Town Seeks Preservation Restriction Grant

To preserve the land as open space, the town is seeking an Agricultural Preservation Restriction Grant of \$500,000 to ensure the land will be used for farming. The town plans to lease the southern portion of the land to area farmers.

A sports and recreation complex has been proposed for the northern section of the parcel, and it has been mentioned as a possible site for a new elementary school in 15 to 20 years. Prepared by graduate students at the Conway School of Design, the plan for the athletic complex includes multi-use fields for soccer, football, and volleyball, as well as outdoor basketball courts and a concession stand.

Representing the Tuckahoe Development Corporation, Springfield Attorney Charles Cohen refused to comment on the case or to speculate on the length of time the appeals process might take.

Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano
When A Fire Occurs,
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For every minute a fire burns, it doubles in size. Small fires can grow quickly. Only after the first two steps have been completed, should you try to extinguish small fires.

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the initiative to recruit companies such as financial services firms and catalog businesses the next time they come knocking on our door."

Other initiatives include a cable T.V. programming center that will house five or six new cable networks and the development of distance learning projects. The Center will also form alliances with two formidable entities, U. Mass. Amherst and the consortium of fiber optics companies in Central Massachusetts.

U. Mass. Amherst's Computer Science Department, one of the best in the United States, will play a pivotal role in developing computer and software applications as well as networking existing software firms in Western Massachusetts. The Center for Advanced Fiberoptic Applications in Southbridge, a unique consortium of six fiber optics manufacturers, will rely on Western Mass. software companies and U. Mass. Amherst to develop the software to network the fiberoptic devices developed at CAFA.

Senator Melconian said, "I was very pleased by Secretary Larson's warm reception to our presentation. On Friday (September 23rd), I will, with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, make a formal request to Governor Weld that the Pioneer Valley be designated The Massachusetts Center for Telecommunications and Information Technology at an economic summit in Holyoke."

"This project is in complete harmony with the Governor's mandate for regional approaches to economic development. The Center's projects have the potential to transform Western Massachusetts' economy," she concluded.

Taylor Committee To Meet Sept. 23rd; Public Invited To Discuss The Issues

The Taylor Committee to elect James D. Taylor State Representative will meet Friday, September 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam.

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SEPTEMBER 18th - MANAGER DECLARES TREATMENT PLANT PACT UP TO HUBBARD

Town Manager James Westman said today the conclusion of negotiations with Springfield for a contract for regional sewage treatment plant at Bondi's Island depends on the city's Director of Public Works, Wylie C. Hubbard, who is serving as negotiator.

Agawam is reportedly holding out for special privileges in lieu of taxes because the plant will be located within the town.

Westman said he would not sign the contract until the special privileges were also put in writing.

SEPTEMBER 18th - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NOTES ANNIVERSARY

Thirteen past presidents of the Catholic Women's Club were present Monday night for the 35th anniversary celebration at St. John the Evangelist Church social center.

Presiding over her first meeting in a two-year term as president, Mrs. Joseph Lovotti introduced the past presidents and said messages from several others had been received. Four additional charter members attended, including Mrs. Raymond Menard, who along with Mrs. Adele M. Gallano, hosted the event.

SEPTEMBER 20th - EX-NEWS CORRESPONDENT CHOSEN FOR ELKS AWARD

Joan Danford, a former *Springfield Daily News* correspondent, has been chosen by the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks as Agawam's Outstanding Citizen for the Year.

Mrs. Danford, a native of Springfield, came to Agawam in 1952. She has served as president of St. John the Evangelist Guild, president of the Agawam Guild of the Holy Family League of Charity and organized and directed 20 Holy Family Guilds throughout Western Mass.

She was active in the organization of the Agawam Golden Age Club and organized and served as chairman of the Agawam Council on Aging for 11 years.

SEPTEMBER 20th - CONTE JOINS ENEMIES OF STATE CODE

Joseph J. Conte, Agawam building inspector and president of the Western Mass. Building Inspectors Association, today called the proposed mandatory state building code "ambiguous and dictatory."

"We wanted a mandatory minimum code to upgrade towns and cities with building codes," Conte said. "What we're getting is a mandatory maximum restrictive code that allows Boston to dictate to the other 350 communities within the state," he said.

Conte said he felt the basic goal, protection for homeowners, has been thrown out to favor builders and developers. He blamed "politicking" for the power the new code would give the state Building Code Commission.

SEPTEMBER 20th - GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE PROJECT APPROVED

The Board of Appeals has granted a variance permitting construction of a clubhouse and pro shop at the golf course being developed on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The 18-hole course is being constructed on 120 acres bordering the Suffield, Connecticut line owned by Ronald B. Collins. The course has been under construction for the past two-and-a-half months and completion is expected sometime next summer.

When completed, it will be the fourth golf course established in Agawam—three public.

SEPTEMBER 25th - \$6,400 IN 'POT' STOLEN FROM POLICE

At least 200 pounds of confiscated marijuana bushes, worth \$64,000, were reported stolen from the Police Department Monday night.

A call to the *Springfield Union* newspaper informed them that someone had stolen the 200 pounds and that, "Now they have none." After a call to the police station, they were notified that the marijuana was missing.

According to Agawam Detective Allan P. Collins, the marijuana bushes had been kept in a small garage behind the police station, formerly used to house equipment of the town Department of Public Works.

Police Chief Kenneth Grady said the shed was secured with a "bicycle lock," was left unattended for two days before thieves broke in and stole half of haul, valued at \$48,000.

SEPTEMBER 25th - COUNCIL DISCUSSES NEW LIBRARY SITE

The Library Building Study Committee faced possible rejections of its chosen site for the new library as the Agawam Town Council debated pros and cons at its work session Monday night.

Priscilla Andrews, secretary of the committee, and architect Alfred P. Casella, presented preliminary studies of the site, a gift of the Halladay estate. The architect pointed out that water levels would prevent use of a basement area, while Andrews said that the library would be located too far from the main flow of business to draw federal funding.

SEPTEMBER 26th - TOWN HIRES APPRAISER TO REVALUE RIVERSIDE PARK

The Board of Assessors has hired a consultant to revalue Riverside Amusement Park for 1973-1974.

George Audren of Hampden, a former assessor in Hampden and certified Massachusetts appraiser, will conduct the new appraisal, according to Rudy Altobelli, assessor.

Altobelli said the board is hoping to reach a \$2 million assessment of the park. The Board has also turned over its 1970 and 1971 cases before the state Appellate Tax Board to Town Counsel Jay Posnik for review. The Appellate Tax Board decided these cases in favor of the amusement park and set an assessment value of \$650,000. Assessors have claimed a \$1.1 million valuation.

SEPTEMBER 28th - POLICE CHIEF BLAMED FOR LACK OF NEW BUILDING

The chairman of the Police Station Building Committee today charged Chief R. Kenneth Grady with distorting the facts surrounding construction of a new headquarters here.

Anthony Saracino said the building committee received \$984,000 from the 1972 Town Meeting to go ahead with construction, but the construction was defeated on referendum.

He blamed the Chief's objections to the location and the department's apparent lack of interest in supporting the committee for the referendum defeat.

Saracino's comments were prompted by Grady's contention that the theft this week of 120 pounds of marijuana was caused by a lack of space in the police station. It had been stored in a shed.

SEPTEMBER 31st - RUSSO QUILTS AS CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL

Louis Russo of 639 Cooper Street, candidate for Town Council from Precinct 3, today announced his withdrawal from the race.

Russo said the decision to withdraw his candidacy was made because of "personal" circumstances. "Unforeseen things occurred during the past few days which make it unfeasible for me to run at this time."

Russo said he would still like to run, but he wouldn't have the time to serve his constituency as he feels he should. He noted that he is a student and recently married. He said that this withdrawal would not affect the possibility of his candidacy at a future time.

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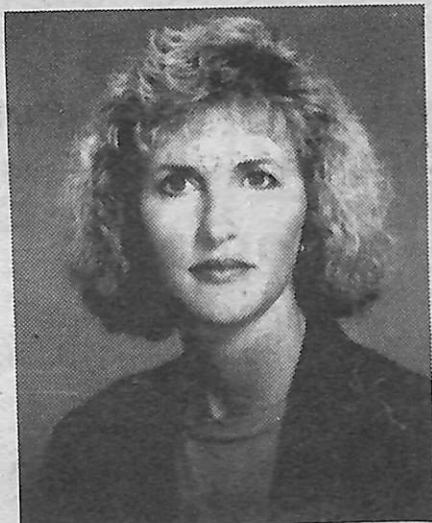
AT 244 NORTH STREET, Feeding Hills, this pumpkin, sitting on its perch, just keeps getting bigger and bigger each week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Western Day At Heritage Hall



A WESTERN DAY was held Thursday, September 15th for the enjoyment of residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building). From left Karen Paquette, Nancy Edwards, and Elayne Bagdonas with resident Irene Slzosek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Tamara A. Rocca Weds Derek L. Van Tassell

Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills was the setting for the August 6th wedding of Tamara A. Rocca and Derek L. Van Tassell.

The bride is the daughter of Peter and Joanne Rocca of Feeding Hills. Parents of the bridegroom are Leonard and Marjorie Van Tassell of Beverly Hills, Florida.

Heather Kenney, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Tyler Van Tassell served his brother as best man.

The bridesmaids were Kristy Fitzgerald, Kristin Daponte, Marianne Marchesseault, and Heather Mancovsky. The ushers were Jason Rocca, John Fiester, Derek Innarelli, and Steven Stewart.

The bride graduated from Westfield State College. She is employed in the Loan Department of a Florida bank.

Her husband served in the United States Coast Guard. He works for his family landscaping business.

Agawam VFW And Ladies Auxiliary Hold Family Picnic

On a recent Sunday afternoon, the District 7 VFW and Ladies Auxiliary held their Annual Family Picnic at the Agawam VFW Pavilion.

"With 260 members and friends supporting this event, the attendance for this year's picnic was the highest ever recorded," stated District 7 President Dorothy Gates (Wilbraham Auxiliary 5361).

The proceeds from the raffle table will benefit the Auxiliary's treasury. Mary Driscoll, Junior Vice-President of District 7 and a resident of Agawam, was in charge of the raffle table, and Shirley Lascala from West Springfield Auxiliary 6714 was also on the raffle committee.

Hot dogs and hamburgs were available throughout the day-long picnic, and a complete chicken and steak dinner was served at 4:00 p.m. Free beverages were also available to the picnickers. Clancy Delaney was chairman for the District Commander, and Patricia Mercure was Auxiliary Chairman.

Every Post and Auxiliary was supportive and attended the picnic. The beautiful day added to the attendance, along with the support and help of the Agawam VFW and Ladies Auxiliary.

Sheila Layton from Fitchburg represented State President Joan Winterkorn, with Past State President Alice Hakala as her escort. Two other Past State Presidents from Chicopee 625 were there with their President, as was State Musician Shirley Ringette. Rita Shea, Deputy Chief of Staff, also attended.

Another Agawam resident, Laura Harrington from Auxiliary 6714 in West Springfield and State Color Bearer, was present for the picnic festivities. Julie Morain, Past District President (and also a State Color Bearer), was on the committee, along with others from Auxiliary 70.

Blanche Willey from Auxiliary 6645 in Russell (President and Sr. Vice-President of District 7) was in charge of the games. According to Rita Shea, who is in charge of publicity for the Ladies Auxiliary, "The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary family picnic went great. Well done, everyone!"

The Bousquets Are Proud New Parents

Scott and Kathy Bousquet of Windsor, Connecticut, are proud to announce the birth of their son. Bryan Francis Bousquet was born at Hartford Hospital on August 3rd, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces.

Bryan's proud grandparents are Theda-Rae and Don Bousquet of Agawam, and Ann and Fran Dillon of Windsor. His equally proud great-grandmothers are Iris Johnson of Agawam and Constance Urichis of Windsor.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, September 26th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, peas, oatmeal bread, prunes.

Tuesday, September 27th: Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, applesauce with raisins.

Wednesday, September 28th: Baked liver with onions, baked potatoes, yellow beans, whole wheat bread, fresh pear.

Thursday, September 29th: Cabbage soup, pizza (pepperoni, cheese, hamburger), tossed salad, cherry delight (vanilla pudding with cream & cherries).

Friday, September 30th: Apple juice, baked macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, apple turnover.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Local L'Union St. Jean-Baptiste To Hold "Pasta Supper"

L'Union St. Jean-Baptiste, Council 324, St. Thomas Aquinas, will hold a "Pasta Supper" on Saturday, October 15th, in the Parish Hall of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, corner of Waverly and Dwight Streets in Springfield.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The price of the meal is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age.

The public is cordially invited. Tickets may be obtained by calling Rolande Berube, 736-5114, in Springfield; Rachel Marois, 592-9899, in Chicopee; Larry and Rose Stanislas, 786-9203, in Agawam; or Jeannine Beaudette, 788-0390, in West Springfield.

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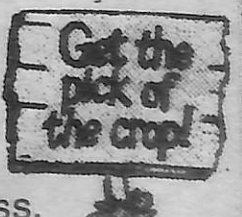
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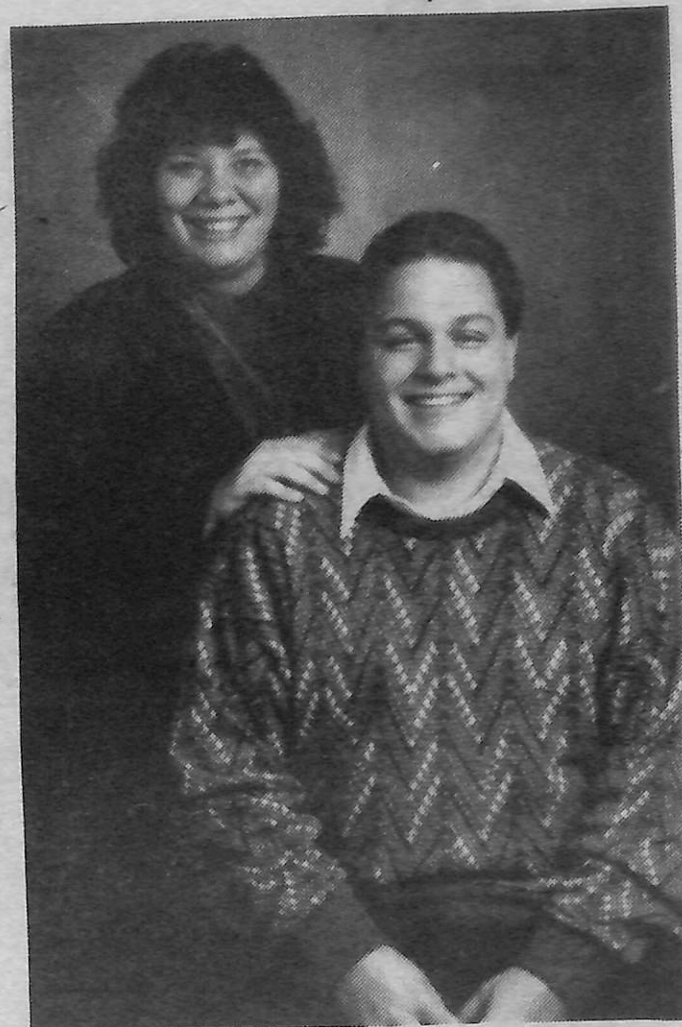
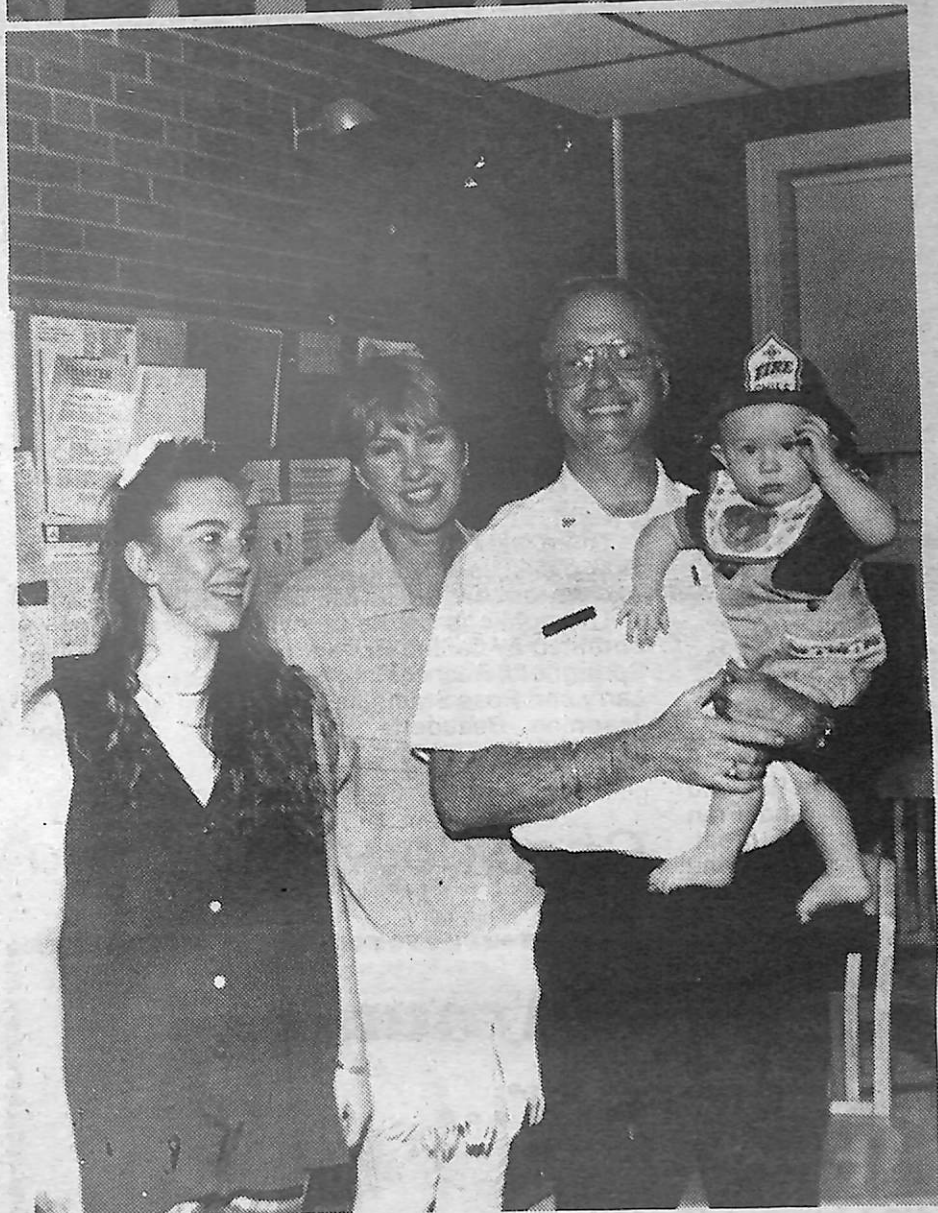


Reception Held For Fire Chief Pisano



THE ACCOLADES for Fire Chief David Pisano roll on. On Wednesday, September 14th, the Fire Dept. held a reception in his honor. IN TOP PHOTO, from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Deputy Chief Steve Martin, retiring Deputy Chief Bill Parent, Pisano, and Fire Dept. secretary Georgie Thompson. IN PHOTO left, Pisano is pictured with his family Heather Jaycox (daughter), Donna (wife), and Tyler (grandson). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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SHANNON REGNIER & RADAMES RIVERA

Shannon Regnier To Wed Radames Rivera

Mr. Kip Regnier of Mill Street, Feeding Hills, and Ms. Donna Regnier of Russell Road, Westfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon M. Regnier, to Radames Rivera, son of Laura Rivera of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Shannon is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and completed two years at New Hampshire College in Manchester, New Hampshire. She is currently employed in the admitting department at Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

Radames is a 1989 graduate of Franklin Learning Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He also completed two years at New Hampshire College. Radames is currently employed in the engineering department at the Harley Hotel in Enfield, Connecticut.

Radames and Shannon are to be married on October 22, 1994. Shannon's friend, Tammy McNab, will attend as her maid of honor, and Radames' brother, Dave Dallasta, will stand up as best man.

A ceremony and reception will be held at Ferruccio's Banquet House in Agawam.

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Jr. Women's Club Continues To Support NEADS Program

Miracles do happen for special needs people under a program supported by the Agawam Junior Women's Club and member clubs of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Deaf and wheelchair bound people are being helped by the NEADS program (New England Assistance Dog Service).

A Graduation Ceremony took place at the Federation Annual Meeting held at the SeaCrest Hotel, North Falmouth, MA, where members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club were part of the largest number in attendance.

NEADS provides trained dogs for people who are deaf or physically disabled to assist them in leading more independent lives. The program provides three types of helpers: Hearing dogs, Service dogs, and Specialty dogs.

The Hearing dog is trained to respond to sounds. A Service dog is trained to be the arms and legs for a person who uses a wheelchair. And a Specialty dog is trained for a person who has two or more disabilities, also for classroom use with children of special needs.

The NEADS program uses facility-based schooling to develop a strong working relationship between client and dog. All NEADS assistance dogs become an extension of their owners and bring a new sense of security, freedom, and independence to their human partners.

The GFWC of MA/NEADS President's Project was "Your Choice" theme of President Tina Macrina of Brockton, MA. This President's Project was chosen for the first time by the membership of the state Federation two years ago. The Chairman, Harriet F. Weston of Hingham, MA, stated that a goal be set for sponsoring a graduating class.

Various means of attaining this goal included the sale of the state president's theme pin, a cluster of six balloons, each in a color corresponding to a department of the Federation, selling for \$5 each. Over 3,400 pins have been sold. Fundraisers of all types, plus club and individual donations, helped sponsor the assistance dogs. The cost of training a dog is \$4,000.

To join us in support of this project, please contact Harriet F. Weston at 617-749-5421. Anyone who is deaf or hearing-impaired and might benefit from a hearing ear dog or anyone physically disabled needing a service dog, may call Sheila O'Brien, Executive Director, at the New England Assistance Dog Service, 508-835-3304.

Agawam AARP To Meet Sept. 26th At Ag. Senior Center

The Agawam/Feeding Hills Chapter No. 4915 of AARP will resume their monthly meetings as of Monday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center.

Guest speaker will be Sergeant Gary Nardi, Safety Officer of the Agawam Police Department. In the near future, Sgt. Nardi will be working with the members of AARP, introducing safety procedures for the seniors of our community.

Are you an AARP member? If you are 50 or over, you are eligible. You belong with us whether you are retired or not. Evening meetings are being planned. Time and place will be announced at a later date.

If you have any questions, please call Jessie Fuller at 789-0657 or Rose Paro at 786-5797.

Greater Springfield Knitting Guild To Meet At Grange Hall

The Greater Springfield Knitting Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 27th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall No. 382, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

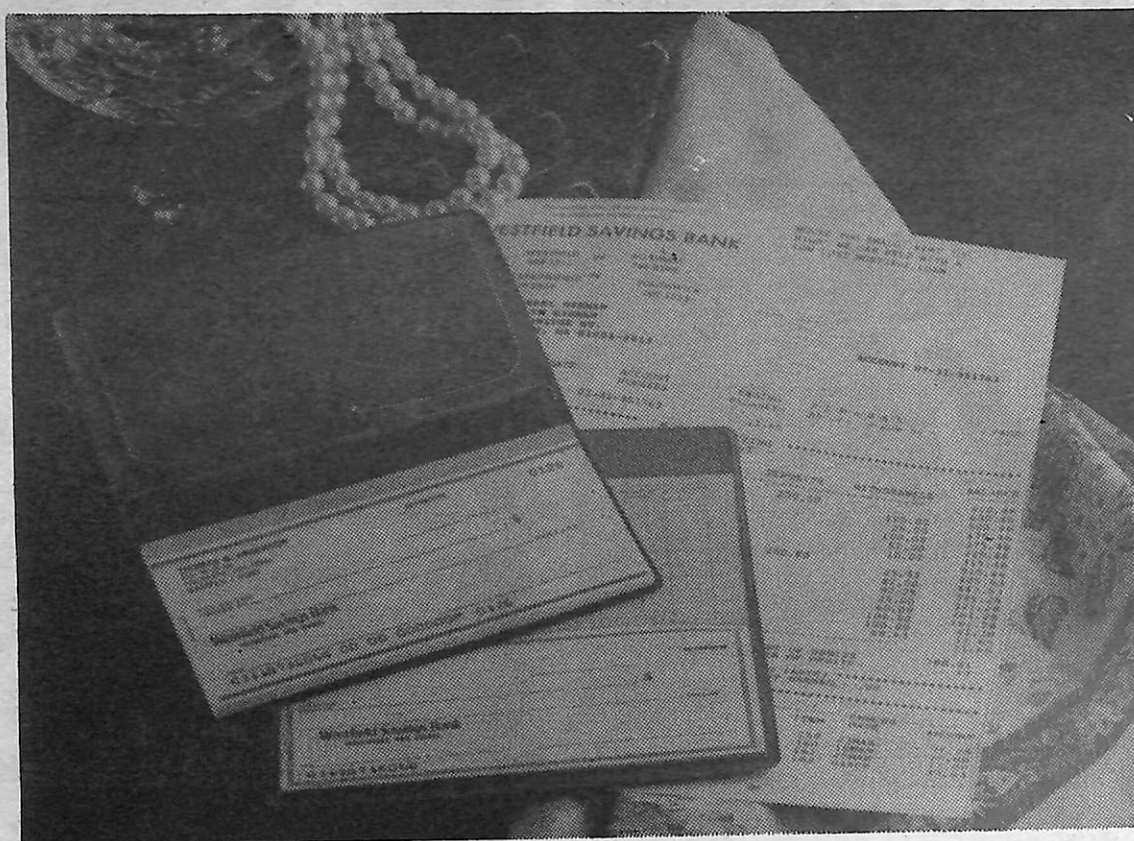
All knitters, both beginners and advanced, are welcome. For further information, contact Virginia Beauvais at (413) 787-0124 or 1-800-639-2908 (between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.).

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THIS GROUP OF HAPPY DOGS were part of the graduating class of the New England Assistance Dog Service, a program supported by the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser

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FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT MAX GAJ of 711 Mill Street is in his apple orchards picking beautiful and tasty macoun apples to sell on his roadside stand. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAX GAJ of Feeding Hills has been selling apples at his roadside stand for the past 15 years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

State's Grandparents' Day Being Observed By Agawam Public Library On Oct. 1st

Massachusetts' Grandparents' Day is on Sunday, so come to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, October 1st anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to create up to four cards for your grandparents.

Agawam and Feeding Hills children who have registered will have a kit available to pick up as

they check out a book. Use your kit and all the card makings in our hallway to make some special cards for some special people in your life.

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LAUREN IRENE GRENIER

Greniers Announce Birth Of 2nd Girl

Shawn and Christine Grenier of Southwick are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, Lauren Irene Grenier.

She was born June 1, 1994 and was seven pounds, 11½ ounces, and was 20½-inches long. She is the first granddaughter of Anthony and Irene Liquori and great-granddaughter of Florence Liquori of Agawam.

Lauren's paternal grandparents are Emile and Virginia Grenier, also from Agawam. Just as excited about Lauren's arrival is her big brother, Michael Anthony, who is 2½ years-old.

Go To The BIG E, Get Discount At Zoo

When you visit Springfield's Zoo In Forest Park after going to The Big E, you will get a great discount, according to Parker Hodgman, President of the Forest Park Zoological Society.

By showing your Big E ticket stub at the Zoo's ticket booth, you will receive a 50 percent admissions discount with adults paying only \$1.50 and children only \$1.

The discount applies throughout the duration of The Big E, from September 16th through October 2nd.

Hodgman noted that this is a wonderful time to visit the Zoo while The Big E is in session. The Zoo features many new attractions, including an adorable South American cougar, two baby bear cubs, a deer walk-through and feeding area, and miniature Muntjac deer.

In addition to the Zoo's nearly 200 animals and 50 different species, the Zoo provides special train rides throughout Forest Park, has a great Gift Shop, and a fine food concession stand.

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Polish Women Plan Oct. 15th Craft Fair

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This year's fair will display some of the finest creations in our area. Delicious goodies made by our ladies will be for sale, along with cabbage and potato/cheese pierogi to take home for the holidays.

The ladies will also have Polish and American foods for those who would like to "sit a bit" and enjoy a light lunch. Available in the kitchen will be kielbasa sandwiches, pierogi, golompki, hot dogs, etc.

The doors open at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and snacks will be available until 4:00 p.m. Tell all your friends about the fair and come and enjoy!

Best local news...

CROP Walk Planned For October 23rd

The Annual Agawam/West Springfield CROP Walk will be held on Sunday, October 23rd at the Agawam Methodist Church (across from the Agawam High School).

Sign-up time is 1:00 p.m. and the Walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. The CROP Walk for the Hungry raises funds to fight hunger around the block and around the world.

Sign-up sheets are available at churches in Agawam and West Springfield. For more information, call Bob Broga at 786-7720.

Ag. Citizens For Life To Meet Sept. 27th

The Agawam Chapter of Mass. Citizens for Life will meet on Tuesday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m. at Agawam Police Station Community Room.

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Turnverein Boy Scouts Complete Another Active Summer

The Boy Scouts from Troop 78 (from the Springfield Turnverein) spent a very active summer. Many of the Scouts earned merit badges working on various projects during the summer and at summer camp at Horace A. Moses Boy Scout Reservation:

Joe Andreoli: Baskets, camping, and small boat sailing.

John Bitgood: Basketry and fishing.

James Borowiec: Basketry, leatherwork, swimming, and fishing.

Robert Boulay: Canoeing and small boat sailing.

Dan Boissonneault: Swimming, leatherwork, basketry, and geology.

Ira Cohen: Rowing, archery, and canoeing.

Evan Conkey: Swimming, mile swim, and geology.

Leeon Connor: Rowing, camping, BSA lifeguard, and mile swim.

Chris Fennyery: Rowing and canoeing.

Robert Hamel: Rowing and small boat sailing.

Brad Harris: Basketry, leatherwork, swimming, and fishing.

Scott Harris: Basketry, leatherwork, swimming, and fishing.

Mike Hogan: Canoeing, leatherwork, archery, camping, and geology.

Eric Hogan: Swimming, leatherwork, basketry, mile swim, and geology.

Joshua Kaebler: First aid, rowing, camping, and fishing.

Patrick Kelley: Swimming and fishing.

Mike Kirk: Leatherwork, swimming, and mile swim.

Justin Kratovil: Archery, leatherwork, riflery, canoeing, and geology.

Brian Laborde: Leatherwork.

Brian Landry: Camping, lifesaving, canoeing, fishing, geology, and mile swim.

Joe Leporati: Rowing, archery, and swimming.

Bruce Linder: Swimming.

Jay McKay: Swimming.

Steen Piligi: Swimming.

Joshua Minor: Rowing and small boat sailing.

Matt Twining: Canoeing, rowing, BSA lifeguard, and mile swim.

Mark Urrea: Basketry, leatherwork, mile swim, and swimming.

Joe Wisniewski: Archery.

Michael Grudecki: Swimming.

Josh O'Neill: Swimming.

Chris Bergeron: Geology.

Will Bond: Geology.

Mark Szoka: Geology.

Three boys also advanced in rank. **Dan Boissoneault** to Second Class, and **Brian Landry** and **Joe Leporati** to First Class.

Many of the merit badges were earned at summer camp, and the troop would like to thank those organizations who contributed to the campships. These contributions made it possible for some of the boys to attend camp.

The troop also obtained six used canoes and an old trailer (which many of the Scouts worked on to recondition during the summer). They now will be able to apply their canoe merit badges using the troop's own canoes.

Many companies helped by donating or discounting materials needed to do the work, and the boys wish to thank them.

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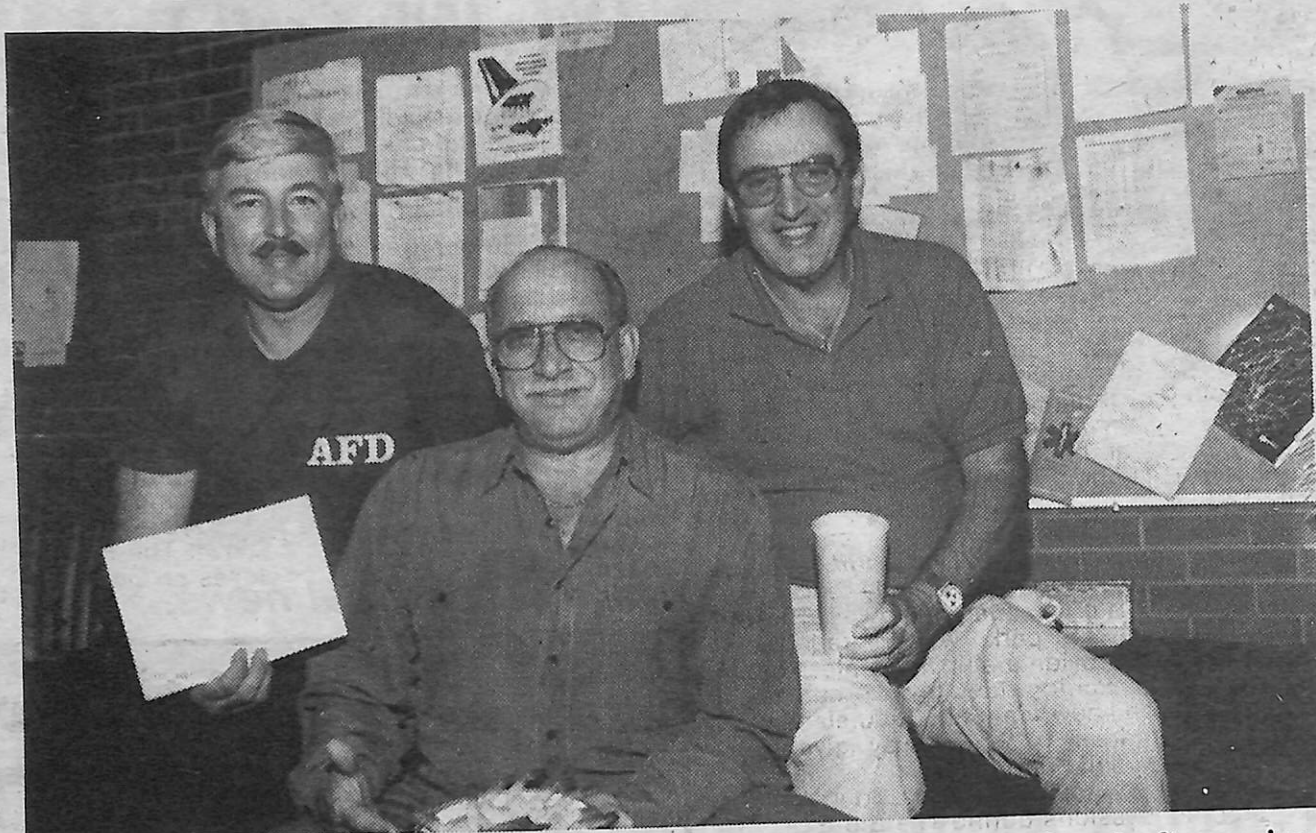
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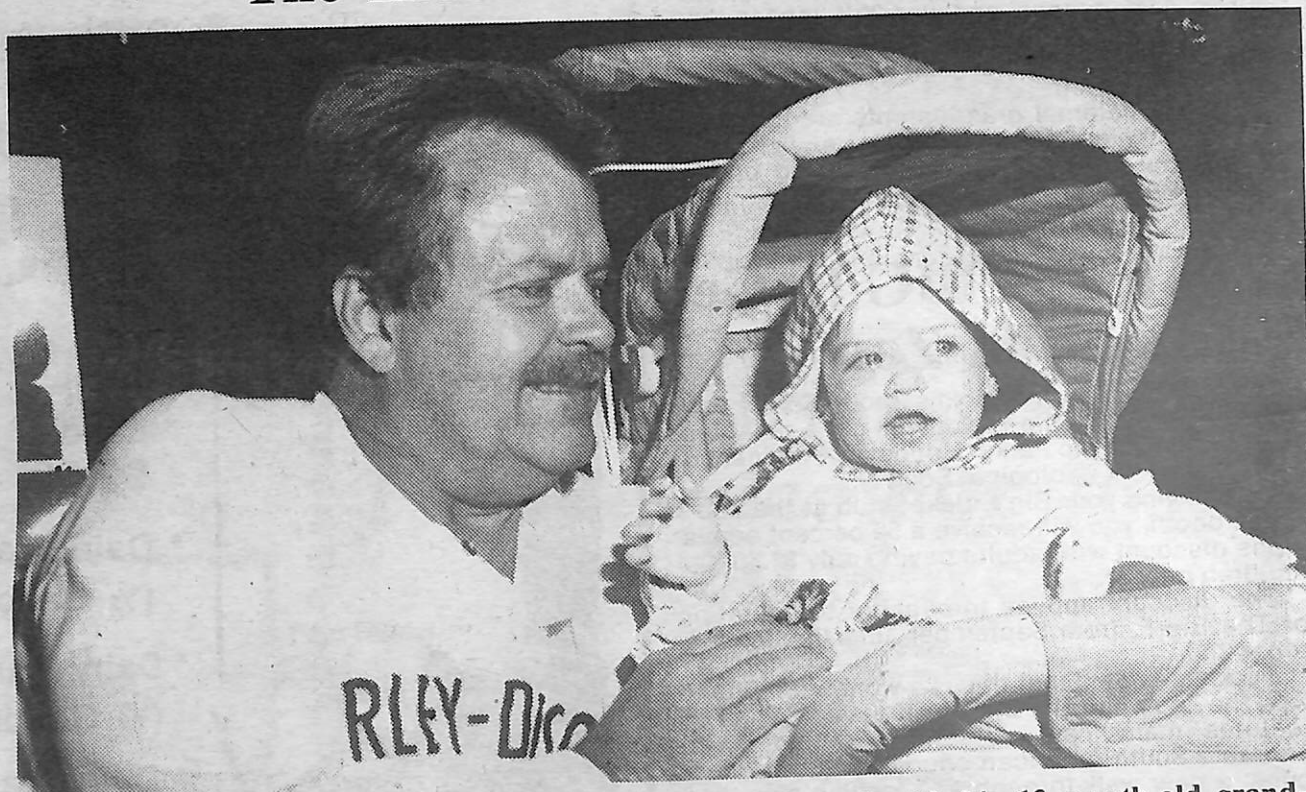


Bill Parent Retires As Deputy Chief



THE LAST SUPPER for Deputy Fire Chief Bill Parent on his last day of work after serving the residents of 33½ years in the Agawam Fire Department was held on Friday, September 16th. From left - Fireman Bill Pelly, Parent, and Terry Letellier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The Kids Just Love A Parade



PROUD GRANDPA Paul Lussier of Agawam is pictured with his 13 month-old granddaughter, Alexis, at the recent Southwick Firemen's Parade. Alexis is the daughter of Paul & Barbara Lussier of Belchertown.

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BIG E Proud As Peacock About Completion Of Phase I Improvements

In September of 1992, Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary announced a monumental, three-year, \$6.5 million capital improvement plan. Phase One of the plan (costing \$3.5 million) was completed just in time for the first ever, 17-day Big E, which runs until Sunday, October 2nd.

The \$6.5 million capital improvement plan is divided into two phases. Phase One involved the renovation of the area behind the Coliseum known as the "old racetrack" and included new, wider Midway blacktopping; extensive landscaping; improved lighting; new, modern restrooms; and new food service areas. Phase Two entails the completion of the Agricultural Complex.

Fairgoers will notice the very dramatic improvements that are the result of Phase One of the plan, when they visit the new "mall" area south of the Coliseum. A brand new **Food Court** replaces Grindorama and seven other food concession buildings; the site of the **Magic Midway**, The Big E's own amusement park, was regraded and repaved and will provide a shiny new area to present games and exciting rides for fairgoers of all ages; and a brand-new, park-like **Kiddieland** area was created adjacent to the Midway, giving tiny tots their own special ride area.

The Big E's fabulous new Food Court houses eight food concessions during The Big E and offers spacious, open-air dining and new, modern restroom facilities. Upon entering the food court area, fairgoers will notice that there is no roof over the tables, thus the open-air dining and pleasant, spacious atmosphere. There are 50 green, vinyl-coated steel picnic tables with umbrellas with seating for 400 people.

The new Food Court offers everything from gourmet coffee and ice cream sundaes to New York style deli sandwiches, deep-dish pizza, and complete chicken dinners every day of the The Big E.

An upgraded Magic Midway and Kiddieland area have combined to bring fairgoers the finest in amusement rides and games in the region. The upgrades to the Midway include a new layout and regraded 70' wide blacktopping surface. Generators, the source of power for all the rides, are located in the center of the infield.

The grassy areas outside of the new blacktopping will accommodate the rides and games, provided by Conklin Shows of West Palm Beach, Florida. There are also two brand-new light posts in the Midway area, which stand 90' high and will provide great new lighting for amusement seekers after dark. All electrical wiring has been located underground.

The Kiddieland area, located behind the Coliseum and adjacent to the Magic Midway, has four park-like grassy areas separated by wide brick sidewalks. The carousel is in the center of Kiddieland, where the four sidewalks meet. Kiddieland features wonderful and exciting rides, created just for children.

Nine-hundred feet of new planters, costing \$100 a foot, have been decorated with beautiful shrubbery including Dwarf Scotch and White Pines, Spitfire Azalea, Green Emerald Arborvitae, Sand Cherry, Blue Maiden and Rainbow Barberry Evergreens. The planters provide seating opposite Kiddieland and in back of the Coliseum, the Horse Barn, Farm-A-Rama and the Young Building.

Improvements along the East and West Road areas include regrading, leveling and new paving.

The old racetrack, formerly four levels, was regraded to one level from the back of the Coliseum to the dike of the Westfield River, located behind the Midway area. Eighty-percent of the materials including cinderblock, brick, blacktop, and topsoil were recycled and used in construction.

The 6,400 tons of asphalt paving used in the renovations would be enough to pave the entire length of Memorial Avenue from the Morgan-Sullivan Bridge to the Memorial Bridge. At 1½ inches thick, the blacktop runs for 2.3 miles.

A substantial amount of the Phase One construction is underground or at ground level, with 5,060 linear feet (equal to 9/10 of a mile) of drainage piping and 5,300 linear feet (equal to one mile) of sewers connecting all of the various utilities throughout the grounds. Also, 5,120 linear feet of water mains and service help to create a vast subterranean network beneath the south side of the fairgrounds.

Ten permanent food concession buildings located throughout the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition were substantially upgraded with bright awnings of red and green, new signage and a fresh coat of white paint.

Several other smaller improvements and upgrades took place on the fairgrounds as well. Various painting projects, totalling over \$100,000, included the Potter Mansion, Storowton Tavern, the Meeting House, the Memorial Avenue fence, a

Horse Barn, the Maintenance Building, and the trim on the Coliseum.

Approximately \$30,000 in electrical improvements to Commonwealth Avenue and about \$75,000 in electrical sub-station improvements were completed.

The fencing along the back of the Eastern States Exposition's property was replaced, costing approximately \$25,000, and new, bright red canopies were placed over all the permanent food concession buildings, totalling over \$100,000.

The Big E welcomes fairgoers to enjoy its exciting additions and renovations during "New England's Great State Fair," providing spectacular entertainment and exhibits that are fun for the whole family. The 73rd edition of The Big E began on September 16th and closes on October 2nd in West Springfield, MA.

50th Anniversary



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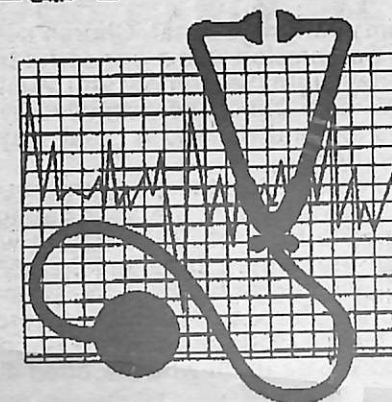
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Church News



AT THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'S 175th Anniversary celebration, members of the Shriners Clowns (photo left) are pictured with Amanda Tilden; IN PHOTO RIGHT, church members enjoy the anniversary dinner.

Agawam Congregational Church Observes Big 175th Anniversary With Activities

Agawam Congregational Church's 175th Anniversary Celebration was a wonderful time for all. The Friday night (September 9th) Music Festival and Anniversary Dance were enjoyed by everyone in attendance and marked a great way to begin the celebration.

On Saturday, September 10th, the church's Carnival brought out both the very young and the senior citizens for a beautiful day in which they enjoyed all the games, food, music, and fun. The Shriner Clowns certainly kept the young-at-heart busy, and the Parade around the church at 1:00 p.m. (led by the Springfield Kiltie Band) brought smiles and waves to all who marched and watched.

That evening, the Anniversary Dinner had 200

attendees who enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by the Agawam Lions Club. The entertainment was provided by Richie Mitnick and Anne Provencher.

The two Special Services on Sunday, September 11th, reminded the church members of the church's humble beginnings and its continuing outreach into the future.

On Sunday, September 18th, the Guest Preacher was Gabe Fackre, Abbot Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological School. He completed the church's celebration with his sermon, "Under The Steeple Yesterday And Today," to ready the Agawam Congregational Church for the future and its 200-year celebration.

Polish Church Plans Rummage Sale

The Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society of St. Joseph's Polish National Catholic Church will once again be sponsoring its annual Rummage Sale at the church social center, Clinton Avenue, Westfield.

Remember, the dates are Friday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

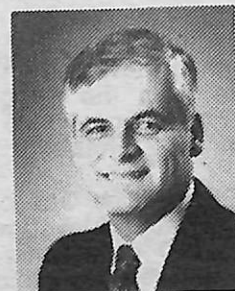
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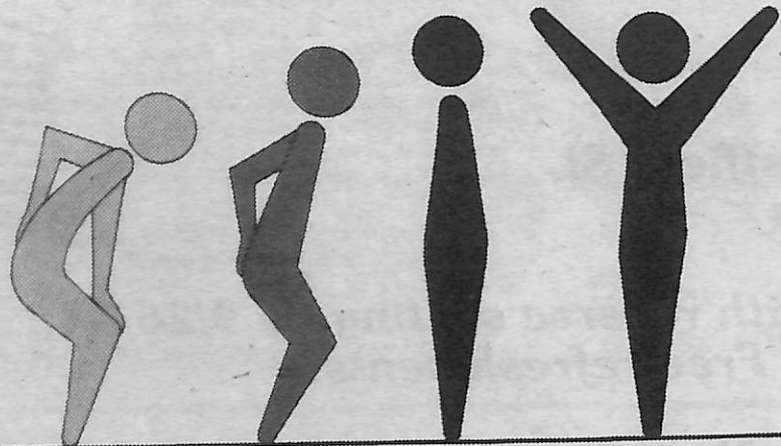


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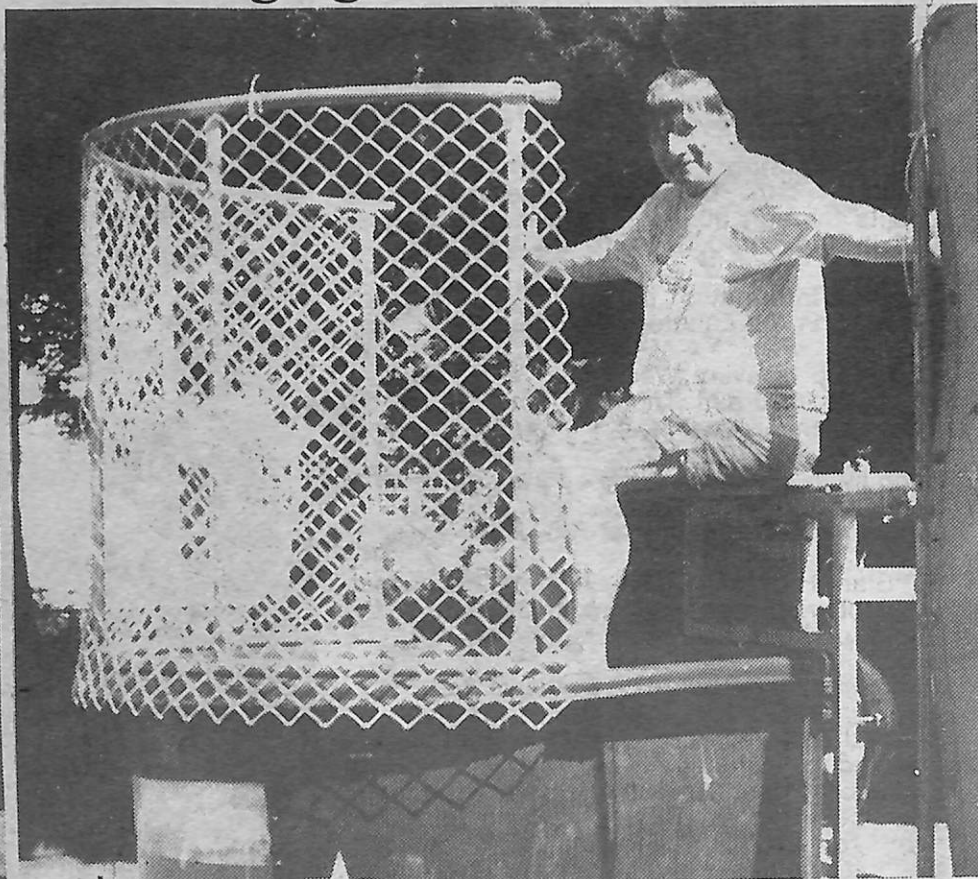
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Church News - continued...

175th Anniversary Celebration At Congregational Church



THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH celebrated its 175th anniversary with a gala weekend on Sept. 9th, 10th, 11th. IN PHOTO LEFT, the Paul Family gets tickets from Eleanor Toussaint and Dee Girard; IN PHOTO RIGHT, the Reverend Curt Fuller keeps cool in the "Dunk Tank."

Harvest Smorgasbord At First Baptist Church

Agawam Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, will sponsor a "Harvest Smorgasbord" on Saturday, October 1st with servings at 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

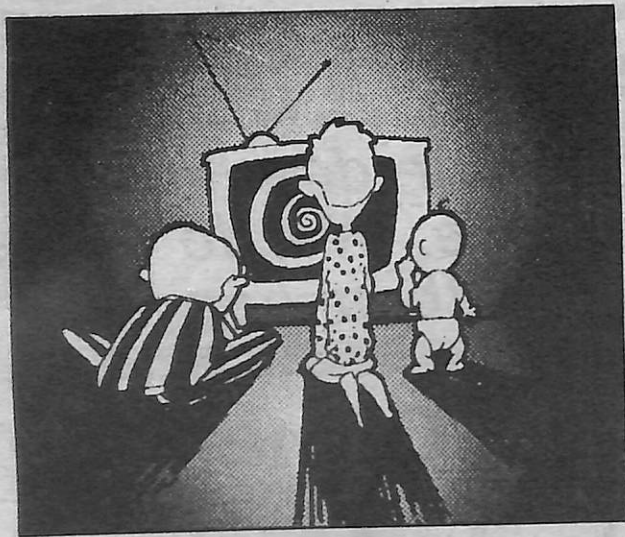
The menu will include fruit cup, home baked beans, baked ham, turkey, Swedish meatballs, American chop suey, harvest beets, green bean casserole, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, cranberry salad, cole slaw, relish tray, rolls, assorted home baked pies, and coffee, tea, or milk

Cost for adults is \$7, and \$3 for children under 10. For reservations, call Martha at 786-0337, Norma at 786-8209, or Emma at 786-8624.

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Church News - continued...**Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

Church School continues this Sunday, September 25th. Classes for seventh grade students through adults will meet at 9:15 a.m., and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office, 786-7111. All children welcome!

Playgroup is every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. The Playgroup follows the school calendar year and is open to infants through five year-old children.

Stop by to chat with other caring adults while your child enjoys special play time. For more information, call Sue Tapply at 786-1430.

A "Giant Harvest Tag Sale" will be held Saturday, October 8th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Refreshments will be available.

The rain date is Saturday, October 22nd.

"Called To Care Informational Fall Forums" are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings: October 23rd, 30th, and November 6th.

The October 23rd topic will be "Long-Term Care Issues" by Mary Ellen Sullivan, D.P.W.; the October 30th topic will be "Financial Planning" by Rufus Cashman, U.C.C. Representative; and on November 6th, Carole Shulte, V.N.A. of Pioneer Valley A.D. Coordinator, will discuss the topic "Alzheimer's Disease."

Coffee and donuts will be served. Please plan to attend these most informative meetings.

Dominican Nuns To Host Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions

The chapel of the Dominican Nuns' Monastery of the Mother of God, located at 1430 Riverdale Street in West Springfield, will be the site for the Annual Rosary Sunday Devotions on Sunday, October 2nd, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The homily will be given by Reverend Matthew F. Morry, O.P., Professor of Philosophy at Providence College. This event will also feature the recitation of the rosary and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roses will be distributed to the guests by members of the Dominican Laity, Mother of God Chapter.

The public is cordially invited to attend. For further information, contact Sr. Mary of the Assumption, O.P., at 736-3639.



CAN YOU COUNT 15 HAPPY workers enjoying supper together? From left - Althea Durfee, holding hands with Ralph Jenney, Shirley Taylor, Bessie Patnode, Claire Mastroian-ni, Henry Nissen, Wallace Kimball, John Wiley, Peter DeFredo, Sydney Granger, Rev. Frank Dunn, Maureen Goodwin, Jessie Fuller, Ann Jenney, and Mrs. Donald Deveraux - all meals were FREE to the volunteers at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

News & Notes From F.H. Congo

Did you know that we are celebrating our 35th year at The Big E? Please stop by and join us for a complete sit-down dinner in the dining room of Old Storrowton Church.

Meals are served daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The menu includes a choice of roast sirloin of beef, boneless breast of capon, chicken pie, meatloaf, or baked ham. The delicious dinners also include whipped potato, vegetable, rolls, butter, assorted pies, and beverage (coffee, tea, or milk).

Prices for adult meals range from \$6.75 to \$8; senior citizen and children's meals from \$5 to \$6.

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Rev. Donaldson's sermon this week is entitled "The Heart of the Problem." Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

Cookbooks full of favorite recipes of church members and friends are now on sale! A cookbook may be purchased for \$6, which goes to benefit the Music Committee.

Please contact the church office at 786-5061, or see Diane Fiejdasz or Karl Moore at the church.

Please remember our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We do appreciate those who bring in their copy early.

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Spotlight On Business

Young Entrepreneur Making His Mark With Environment

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

With one year of college behind him, Mike Spirti of 703 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, ditched academia and formed his own business, which he named **Hopes and Dreams**, to sell natural and environmentally compatible products for home consumption.

The environment never concerned him much until his mother died two years ago from leukemia, he said in a recent interview. She was in her early 40's, and her son worried about why she had to die so young. "People told me it was just bad luck," he said, "but I don't buy it." He brooded about a possible connection between prevalent diseases and pollution of water, air, and food.

So when he was offered the chance to form his own company selling alternative home products, he jumped at the opportunity and became an Equinox International representative. He operates his business from the father's home on Barry Street and a training center in Springfield that is run by a number of representatives for representatives.

So enthusiastic is Spirti about these products and the chance to contribute to improved public health, he is hosting an open house every Sunday at his home between 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. He will display and discuss his products, provide pamphlets, and show a video.

Persons attending the open house or telephoning Spirti for information are under no obligation to buy. He is so sure that anyone who tries the products will be hooked, and "word of mouth" advertising will do it for him. He will take orders, deliver items when necessary, and talk to anyone interested in becoming a product distributor.

Spirti has already brought seven representatives into the business. They formed their own companies with his assistance, and he continues to help them as he is helped by those who became distributors ahead of him. He likes the fact that one is not started in business and left on his own, but are supported with training, advice, and shared experiences.

This training takes place at an office called Mass Success Marketing, 66 Industrial Avenue, Springfield. There are 125 training centers in the country, Spirti said, and as an Equinox International representative, he can attend any one of them.

Spending Time At The Training Center

Spirti spends part of almost every day at the training center. There is a book there listing all the ingredients of the products they sell, the minerals, herbs and vitamins, and what they do



MIKE SPIRTI of Feeding Hills is building his own business by selling environmentally safe products. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

for the human body. He refers to the book often, he said.

He talks excitedly about the need for air and water purification, and he has several water treatment systems: a countertop model that attaches to the kitchen sink faucet; a below-the-cabinet model; one for the shower; and one for all the incoming water to the house. He considers the need to remove pollutants and chemicals from water for home use unquestionable.

Other natural products he sells include a weight control products line, Equi-Triton Dietary Food Supplement drinks (in orange, banana, and chocolate), nutrition and protector bars, and calcium with vitamin D in chewable calcium wafers. Also, a line of body care products for hair, skin, and sun care, herbal toothpaste, mouthwash, and breath spray. He expects to have

pet care and detergent products soon.

"These products have been tested for purity by national testing laboratories and professional testers in various fields," Spirti explained. "Three of our water treatment systems were among seven that were given 'gold seals of approval' by the National Water Quality Association."

There is a no-smoking formula that he said cures the craving for nicotine.

Spirti is thrilled that there are people searching worldwide for better ways to make more healthful products. Much of his tremendous enthusiasm and energy is because he feels he is helping to create a better world, healthier people, a safer environment, and at the same time growing and earning a living.

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by Raymond Rose
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Using Time Management Skills At Home And At School!!!

Last week, when I was "in" my personal computer, I was reading an item on one of the bulletin boards that was discussing "back to school" and the different learning techniques that are available for today's students.

It also reviewed the fact that even though young adults may have the rest of their lives ahead of them ... like everyone else, it seems that there just are not enough hours in a day to get everything accomplished.

There is definitely a direct link between time management skills and academic achievement ... and thus, I thought that I would review some of the various ways on how students can save time ... at school, doing homework, and in their every day activities.

STRATEGIES AT SCHOOL

- * Use **one** large loose-leaf notebook with dividers and pockets for **all** your subjects ... you'll save time because you'll always have the notebook you need with you at all times.

- * Always take the time to keep your locker **organized** so that you won't have to waste time searching for books. If possible, number your books in the order you'll use them at school. Keep the books that you'll need to take home in only one area of your locker.

- * Plan when you will visit your locker throughout the day ... then take all the books needed for that chunk of the day.

- * Keep extra paper, pens, etc. in your locker and in a pouch attached to your notebook.

- * Get in the habit of writing down your assignments in a pocket calendar ... it'll save you lots of time. You won't forget any of them ... and you'll be able to manage your time better.

- * Intelligently plan your study hall ... complete the tasks which you can finish during that time ... finish tomorrow's homework when possible.

- * Enjoy your lunch ... eat at a table or outside ... talk with your friends ... relax ... have fun ... you'll enjoy the afternoon much better if you do. You'll gain the energy you need to finish the day.

- * Whenever possible, sit in the front of the class ... sit on the edge of your seat ... make eye contact with your teacher ... and then listen attentively ... you'll save time with your homework and studying for tests because you'll already understand most of the subject matter.

- * Save time taking notes! Learn shorthand (create your own) ... and/or abbreviate everything. Only write down key points and things you don't know.

- * Be sure to ask questions when you don't understand ... this will save you time and frustration later because you won't have to hassle with homework you don't understand.

- * Make test-taking a lot easier. First, read the directions ... then, scan all the questions and circle any important words ... next, answer **all** of the questions that you're sure of. This will give you plenty of time to work on the questions ... usually, no try is worse than a bad try. When time remains, recheck your answers.

STRATEGIES AT HOME

- * At night, wash your hair, lay out your clothes, pack your lunch and school bag, and plan tomorrow ... you'll like your mornings a whole lot more!

- * Only watch TV shows that you really enjoy ... record them on a VCR and watch them when you're finished with your homework.

- * Do chores while watching TV or using the portable phone.

- * Be sure to reward yourself for finishing tasks ... and plan your rewards.

- * Write down **everything** that you have to do down on **one** list ... and then use that list when filling in calendars. Cross things off when you have completed them.

- * Ask yourself ... "Am I a morning or a night person?" When you do have the most energy? When do you have the least? Use your high energy time to do your tough assignments. Use low energy time to take a nap ... do an easy assignment ... watch TV ... talk on the phone or do a "mindless" chore.

- * **START** the project or chore you've been putting off. Break it into several small parts ... find something that you can do right away ... and then "Do it!" Chances are that you'll want to do more. It's easier than you think!

- * Forget perfection at the beginning. Put down your initial ideas ... re-read it ... and then polish it.

- * Time **everything** you do for one week. (I'm doing this now myself). Analyze where your time is going ... see if you can cut things out or fit small tasks into time you didn't realize you had.

- * Figure out what may be bothering you ... and then fix it (if you can). You'll save a lot of time by not worrying about it ... in fact, get in the habit of not worrying about anything. (it's one of the best habits that I have developed during my life).

- * **Set your priorities daily!** ... do the most important things immediately ... and do the rest later.

- * Set specific goals for yourself ... write down everything you think you'll need to do to reach your goal ... give yourself deadlines for each step ... and then go for it!

- * Learn how to say "no." Don't try to be Super-

man and do more than you have time for.

- * Don't waste time working on something when you're too tired to work on it. Stop reading when you just don't understand ... walk away and come back later.

- * Create a flow chart ... note your goal and take the steps you'll need to reach it. You'll get there a lot faster when you have a plan/system.

- * It's important to visualize your goals. Just close your eyes, relax, and visualize.

STRATEGIES WITH HOMEWORK

- * Plan your strategy ... write down each task and schedule a time to do it. Do difficult homework when you have the most energy. You'll be amazed at how quickly you finish your work when you know what to do and when to do it.

- * Break down your assignments into small parts. A little bit of something is a lot easier to handle than the whole thing. Make a list of each task and cross each off when you've finished it. You'll feel great!

- * Sit at your desk or work area away from noise and people ... **focus** on your homework and you'll get it done much faster.

- * Keep your work area organized ... and keep supplies nearby.

- * Look at one subject at a time ... clear off your desk and keep the rest of the books on the floor. This will help you to focus and work quickly.

- * Scan textbook chapters before reading them. Pay attention to graphs, pictures, headings, sub-headings, etc. Next, read the introduction, summary and chapter questions. Then read the chapter. You'll understand it better and read it much faster!

- * To read a fiction book faster, first read the preface, introduction and inside and back covers. Next, scan the books, noting chapter titles and characters' names. Then read the book. You'll read faster because you will already have clues about the plot and the most important characters.

- * Make studying for tests easier and faster! Turn your notes into artwork. Use different colored pens for different ideas ... and draw pictures. Connect ideas with arrows and lines. Use circles, stars and stickers ... be creative! You'll have fun, you'll remember more, and you'll spend less time studying for tests. Try this ... you won't believe how effective this is!

TIME MANAGEMENT RECAP

If you're a parent, you're probably saying that a lot of what you've just read can be applied to your daily lives ... after all, much of it is just common sense.

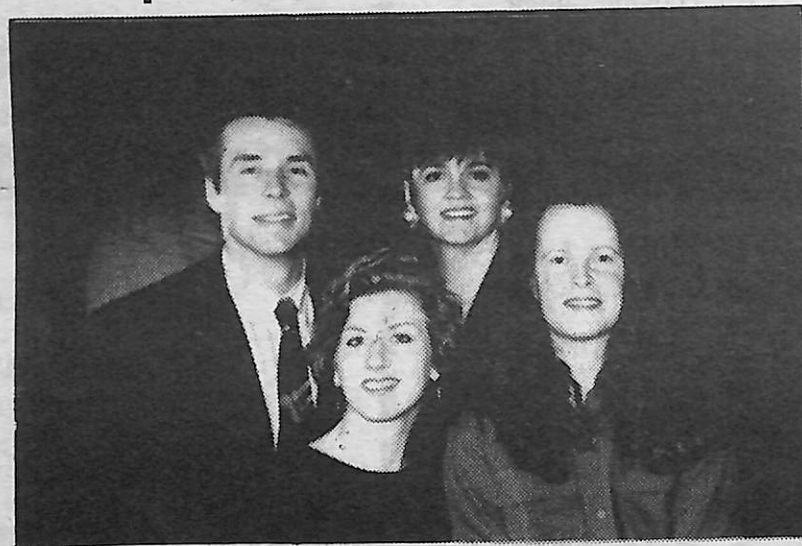
I strongly urge you to review these ideas with your children ... and hopefully, it can affect their habits in a positive way ... not just during the school year ... but for the rest of their lives.

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Vacation Home Is Within Your Reach!

Low interest rates, a wide range of tax advantages, and price appreciation in a growing number of vacation home markets make this an ideal time to invest in a second home. Whether it's a seasonal vacation getaway, an investment property for rental income or resale, or a future retirement home, a second home purchase does require some careful planning.

There are many factors involved in the decision to buy, including present and future plans, hobbies and interests, and financial status. Here are some ways to make the process easier.

When selecting a second home, consult a professional real estate agent who is familiar with the area. A qualified agent can provide an overview of the second home on the market in the area in which you are interested. The agent will know specifics about the area's recreational opportunities, local amenities, weather conditions, peak-season crowds, transportation options, and availability of churches, hospitals, and senior centers. An experienced agent also can help you evaluate the long-term investment potential of various properties in the community.

You don't have to be a millionaire to own a second home. Recent studies have shown that more than 7.5 million U.S. households own a second home for recreational or vacation purposes alone, and that number is expected to significantly increase throughout this decade.

What's more, the average household income of second-home owners is \$46,000, indicating that a second home purchase is within the financial means of many Americans. At the present time, most Americans can "write off" the mortgage interest on a second home from their income taxes, making a second-home ownership extra attractive to some consumers.

Determine what kind of second home best meets your needs. Second homes come in a variety of style and size to meet individual living requirements. Vacation homes typically include cabins, cottages, condominiums, ranches, modular/mobile homes, or full-amenity residences located in a scenic mountain, desert, forested, or waterfront area. When selecting a vacation property, it is important to consider ease of access.

For example, vacationers will be more apt to frequent a vacation home if it is within a two- to three-hour drive by automobile.

Evaluate the property's potential as a "retirement home." The term "retirement home" could refer to a dream home purchased with years of accumulated savings. However, it more often refers to a property designed for those seeking a recreational lifestyle with the convenience of less upkeep.

Homes that fit this profile often are located in vacation communities. Many offer country club living or proximity to senior recreation centers. Investors looking at purchasing a vacation home with an eye to future retirement should consider a home location that is close to the recreational facilities of your preference; parks, foot paths, shopping, banking, medical, dental, and vision care facilities.

Consideration should also be given to proximity of family members, accessibility of floor plan, and convenience features. You must think ahead and envision your potential lifestyle of your senior years, and ensure that the properties you are considering meet those requirements. Features to consider include a single-level floor plan, cupboards and closets that are easy to reach and open, guest quarters or room, wheelchair-accessible rooms and bathroom, lack of stairs at entry, and neighborhood safety, such as gate or guarded entrances.

Homes purchased as investment, rental, or second-income properties, and homes, townhouses, or condominiums located in metropolitan or downtown areas and designated for corporate housing purposes, also comprise a portion of the second home market.

Although a second home purchase may be

within an investor's reach, there are a number of financial and tax considerations. As with the purchase of a permanent home, second home investors need money for a down payment, closing costs, and monthly mortgage payments. If the down payment is less than 20 percent, the investor may be required to pay private mortgage insurance. Buyers with existing homes have the advantage or leveraging the equity in their permanent residence to help finance a second home purchase.

A second property for vacation or rental income purposes can be a good investment and provide substantial tax benefits. However, potential investors—especially retirees—should consult an accountant or attorney to discuss how the purchase will affect your financial and tax status.

Be aware of the extra effort required to maintain two homes. Vacation homes left unattended for long periods can develop a number of hazardous conditions, including frozen pipes, natural gas leaks, overgrown brush in fire perimeters, vandalism, and animal or pest intrusion.

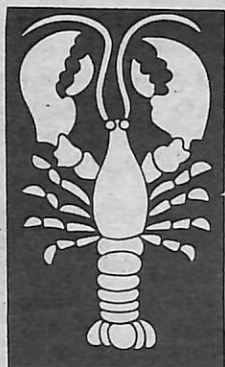
Owners who do not plan frequent visits to their property may want to hire a property manager or ask a friend or neighbor to check the property on a regular basis. Retirees who find themselves using their "second" home almost year-round may want to weigh the benefits of selling their primary residence.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. located in Feeding Hills, MA [789-1117]).

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Reviewing Casino Proposal**

A committee of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is studying the effects of casino gambling on those communities where casinos are now open.

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce is represented on that committee as part of its own review of the casino issue. The Agawam Chamber is also completing a second survey of its membership by phone in order to hear from as many businesses as possible about whether they are for or against the casino proposed for Agawam by Riverside Park.

While members of the Chamber's Executive Committee have met to discuss the issue, no decision has been made regarding the Riverside proposal. The full Board of Directors of the Chamber will meet next week.

However, if the Chamber does take a stand on the matter, it would likely not be until after the study is completed in mid-October. The Chamber is also considering a casino forum for its Fall Breakfast.

Elizabeth Bergeron Of Feeding Hills Receives Accountants Achievement Award

Elizabeth Bergeron of Feeding Hills was recently awarded the Educational Foundation Achievement Award of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

Ms. Bergeron is a graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a student at Gordon College - Wenham majoring in Business Administration/Accounting and Biblical and Theological Studies.

Stearns & Yerrall Says Sales Agents Earn Designations

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George & Green Agents

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Although fat cells can expand a lot - up to two or three times their original size - there is a limit to how large they can get. When your fat cells reach that limit, your body creates a new fat cell. Yuk!

This is not good news, because once you create that new fat cell, you will never get rid of it. An overweight person may have 100 billion fat cells.

New fat cells start forming when you are about 160 percent above your ideal body weight. So, if you're the "average" American woman at five feet, four inches tall, your ideal body weight is around 133 pounds (remember, this may be higher if you have lots of muscle). Your body will start to create new fat cells at around 212 pounds. The "average" American man of five feet, 10 inches has an ideal body weight of 160 pounds. He will start to form new fat cells at 256 pounds.

Unfortunately, once you form new fat cells, they can never go away. They can only shrink. This may be one reason why very overweight people will have trouble maintaining lost weight. To get their body down to "normal," they must shrink their fat cells below a normal size because there are so many of them.

But fat cells don't like being below normal. This state may cause them to send signals that get an individual to eat more, store fat, and get fat cells back to their normal size.

What does all this mean for you and your diet? First, avoid gaining weight. During vacations or stressful times, people may let themselves gain weight thinking they'll take it off later. But if you create new fat cells, it will be hard to get it off.

Aim for weight maintenance. Second, set realistic weight loss goals. You may not get to be the same size you were in high school, if you've formed new fat cells.

Nancy Dell is a registered dietitian in private practice and is available for private and group appointments by calling 413-786-2957.

Health Expo '94 To Take Place On October 4th At Senior Center

The public is cordially invited to attend the Community Health Expo '94 on Tuesday, October 4th, at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor (off Wright Street), from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission is free and screenings are as follows: blood pressure, eye, spinal/posture, arthritis, foot, cholesterol (\$3 fee), lead for children, pulmonary, blood sugar (please fast), and hearing. There will also be hearing aid checks, information on incontinence, Senior Class, Women's Health, Adult Day Health Care, nursing homes, home care, medical equipment, medications, skin analysis, and breast and testicular models for examination of lumps.

You will be able to take a heart quiz and see the cross-section of a clogged artery, see what a pound of fat looks like, and take advantage of a 10-minute massage. There will be giveaways and a food cooking demonstration with samplings, and (of course) Maggie the Clown will be passing out candy and balloons.

Everyone who comes is entitled to a free number for a door prize. At 2:30 p.m., a number will be picked; you must be present to receive the prize or another number will be picked.

Lunch will be served as usual, and sandwiches, snacks, and drinks can also be purchased throughout the day. A food sale will be held with homemade items. Cards and wrapping paper will be on sale, too.

Everyone associated with Community Health Expo '94 hopes it will be a fun event, as well as a healthful one. Please join them and find out for yourself.

For further information, contact the Agawam Senior Center at (413) 786-0400, extension 242 or 243.

Mended Hearts Plan To Meet October 4th

The Mended Hearts, Inc. Chapter 37 of Greater Springfield will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Anyone who is anticipating cardiac surgery or undergone cardiac surgery is welcome to attend this support group's meeting with family or friends. There is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

Special events for the evening include featured speaker Dr. Mark Porway, cardiologist.

Registration Being Taken For Program On Success & Self-Esteem

A four-session program geared to meet the needs of adults who face the everyday challenges from the work and home environment will be offered on Sunday evenings starting October 2, 1994.

The class will be composed of no more than 10 adults and will meet for two hours (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) on October 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. The program is being led by Dr. Steve Sobel, founder and director of The New England Institute For Stress Management (located at 425 Union Street, West Springfield).

The cost is \$150 per person, but those who register early receive a discount. The program is entering its fifth year and will deal with issues regarding personal and professional growth; how to take responsibility for outcomes in one's life; and how to deal with changes and stress.

Call (413) 785-1259 for a full program description and any questions. All sessions will be held in West Springfield, and all materials (including a two-tape self-esteem program) are included in the fee.

Grief Support Groups By Forastiere Family

Monthly support groups designed specifically for those whose spouse has died are provided by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street in East Longmeadow. It is on-going; 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend.

Those wishing to participate need merely to go to the group of choice. The group is facilitated by Grief Counselor Lila Forastiere.

This support group is just one of the many programs included in the Forastiere's *OPTIONS...for a brighter tomorrow*. As part of the Forastiere Family Funeral Home's continuous commitment to helping those who are grieving, the *OPTIONS* programs are offered to anyone in the community at no charge.

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FALL INTO OUR WELLNESS SEMINARS THIS SEASON ALSO!

MEDICAL UPDATE SERIES DEBUTS is a special Community Series this fall at Fitness First! There will be 3 presentations on important medical topics that could effect over 90% of our community! This series is being presented by Patrick Carley, PT of NovaCare Outpatient Rehabilitation (formerly START) and Dr. Tami Nelson of Hampden County Chiropractic. The first of this exclusive series will be held on Tuesday, September 27th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm and the topic will be "Options for Back Injuries." Also speaking at this seminar will be Dr. Thomas Kaye, a noted Neurologist in the area. Don't miss this rare opportunity to openly discuss issues and solutions directly with the area's best health care professionals.

The second presentation of the Community Medical Update Series will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm and is entitled, "Options for Shoulder and Arm Injuries." In November, the topic will be on "Options for Knee and Foot Injuries." That Seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 29th at 7 pm.

NANCY DELL'S NUTRITIONAL SEMINARS continue this fall with nutritional guidance and weight loss programs.

The following is Nancy's fall schedule:

"Top 10 Ways to Lose Body Fat"

Monday, October 3rd

"Balance Your Fat Budget"

Monday, November 7th

"Bake to Your Heart's De-Lite"

Monday, December 5th

Each seminar will begin at 8 pm and is \$2. Seating is limited to 40 people.

THE FITNESS FIRST WELLNESS SERIES will be featuring our popular "Pre-Ski Conditioning" seminar at 8 pm. We will be discussing Pre-Ski stretching for you as well as conditioning for you and your equipment on Tuesday, October 25th. On Wednesday, November 16th, we will be bringing back "Don't Let the Holidays Weigh You Down." We'll offer proper menu choice suggestions for parties and for when you dine out. You can have a low fat season if you know how to "work" the food scene!

COLOR IMAGING FOR WOMEN is a special image and wardrobing seminar in October. Nancy Blais, Certified Image Consultant, will be joining us on Tuesday, October 18th, to give tips and ideas on what you can do with your wardrobe, figure and renewed confidence. A few tips Nancy will be discussing are how to rebuild your wardrobe while changing sizes, how season color affects your style and how to avoid accessorizing mistakes. Nancy invites all participants to bring along any article that you just don't know how to wear and she will help you "fix it"!

"MOVING TOWARDS A MORE MOTIVATED LIFESTYLE" is the title of motivational speaker, Debbie Papagno's rejuvenating seminars. Ms. Papagno's invigorating remarks on how you can heighten your self esteem, motivate yourself to attain your goals and rejuvenate your positive attitude will turn your life around! Meet her on at our club on Monday, September 26th at 8 pm for an experience that will (hopefully!) change your life!



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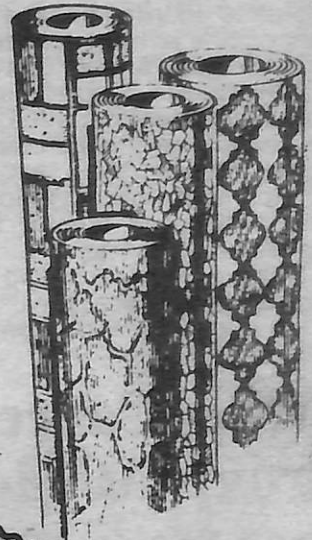
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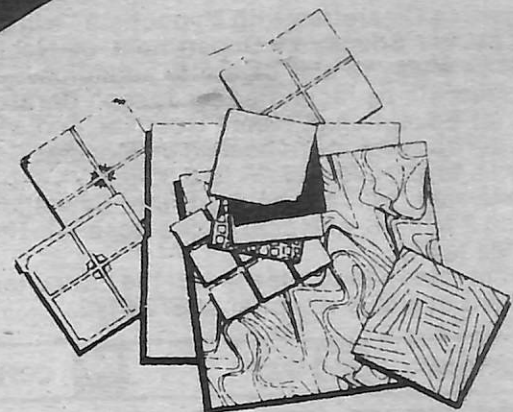
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For Your Health - continued...

Art Therapy Used For People With Cancer

Providence Hospital and the American Cancer Society are co-sponsoring a presentation entitled "Art Therapy for People with Cancer," September 26th at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital auditorium.

Guest speaker Simone Alter-Muri, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Smith College and Our Lady of the Elms College, will explain concepts comprising art therapy, and explore how art therapy can be useful to individuals and families coping with cancer. She will also lead the group in completing an art therapy project that evening.

Alter-Muri is a registered therapist with extensive experience in graduate, undergraduate, and elementary/early childhood education, organizational administration and consulting, program development, and psychotherapy. Alter-Muri is also a licensed mental health counselor and registered art therapist.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

For more information, contact Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., at 536-5111.

Breast Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will October 4th and 18th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

The group, which meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer.

Family and close friends of the patient are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call (413) 748-9080.

Forgetting Cigarettes At Noble Hospital

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the Education Department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, Director of Education at Noble Hospital, and will consist of two sessions to be held on Monday, October 3rd and 10th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The session will be held at the Education Center on 2 Mill St., adjacent to the hospital. The course fee is \$40.

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5172.

Agawam & Feeding Hills Residents Part Of Weldon Center's Nat'l Rehabilitation Week

The car accident in 1990 changed Fred Smith's lifestyle. The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation changed his life.

Smith, a resident of Agawam, suffered a closed head injury—a broken neck—and lay in a coma for eight days. Awakening from the coma was his new beginning ... the beginning of the long road back for this ex-Marine, who'd been a self-admitted "heavy drinker."

After several months as an inpatient at Weldon, Smith became an outpatient, but returned to Weldon every day for therapy. In all, it was a year before he mended.

In March 1992, Bill Hrabá of Feeding Hills—an active racquetball and basketball player, runner, and weight trainer—was working at his job in a steel scrap mill yard. Something went very wrong. He fell from the machine on which he was working and landed, 10 feet below, on a concrete floor on his hip. In that instant, Hrabá became the victim of a spinal cord injury.

When he was brought to Weldon after two weeks of hospitalization, Hrabá wasn't even able to sit up. Six weeks later when he was released, he left the center walking with the aid of two canes.

Two very different accidents, two very different injuries. Yet Smith and Hrabá have one important thing in common: they are now Peer Visitors for the Weldon Center, and are two of the many volunteers deserving recognition during National Rehabilitation Week, September 18th through 24th.

"A Peer Visitor is a very special person," said Margaret Wynne, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., clinical social worker at Weldon. "They are individuals with a chronic disability who have dealt with their injuries, are well-adjusted, and have been successfully reintegrated into the community. And they provide tremendous support for those now faced with similar problems."

The Weldon Center is currently the only rehabilitation facility in the area with peer visitor services. In addition to being available for those suffering from head and spinal cord injuries, peer

visitors are available for stroke victims and through ASSIST—the Amputee Support System in Step Together.

"Rehabilitation involves restoring the spirit as well as the body," said Edward Chastain, M.S.W., Director of Social Work at the center. "When a patient is wheelchair-bound or suffers no visible disability, a Peer Visitor can play an integral role in their recovery. They receive extensive training which includes counseling techniques, and, most of all, they offer a positive role model."

Requests for Weldon Peer Visitors come from various medical facilities, physicians, and individuals throughout the area. In addition to Peer Visitors, Weldon offers monthly support groups for spinal cord injuries, head injury, stroke, ASSIST, and other rehabilitative areas.

Smith—who hasn't had "a drink or a cigarette" since the accident—is back to work for the City of Springfield. In addition to being a Peer Visitor, he frequently speaks to groups, telling them that the accident is "the best thing that ever happened to me."

Hrabá now works as a volunteer for Mercy Hospital, and is the editor of "The Spinal Column," the monthly newsletter for spinal cord injured patients. He now walks with the use of only one cane, and uses AFOs (plastic braces) from his knees to his ankles. This past summer, he began bicycling again.

The stories are numerous ... from specialized care for patients suffering from traumatic head and spinal cord injuries, to stroke victims, children's rehabilitation, industrial and pulmonary rehabilitation, and speech, hearing, and language therapies—the common denominator is the dedicated team of registered and certified rehabilitation professionals in the healing, supportive environment at the Weldon Center.

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For Your Health - continued...**Noble Hospital To Hold Seminar On The Topic Of Menopause**

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What's happening? Is this normal? Can this possibly be menopause? If so, should you take hormones? And if you do, will your chances for cancer increase? Will you put on weight now that you've reached the time that every woman dreads?

These are questions that many women approaching menopause ask themselves. And, unfortunately, because so many of today's menopausal women were brought up not to ask questions about "The Change," many don't know where to turn to find the answers or the cures. Many are too embarrassed to discuss the topic with their husbands, and for those who do, their spouses often aren't much help. Some women are even too embarrassed to discuss menopause with their physicians.

Noble Hospital, Westfield News Publishing Inc., and the YMCA of Greater Westfield are co-sponsoring a day-long seminar entitled *The "M" Word, Dispelling the Myths About Menopause*, on Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Westfield YMCA at 67 Court Street.

Seminar speakers include Dr. James Wang, an obstetrician/gynecologist on staff at Noble Hospital, Providence Hospital, and Baystate Medical Center; Elizabeth Shew, a registered dietitian and Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Noble Hospital; Carole Gossman, MA, program director of the Fowler psychiatric unit at Noble; and Carol Palmer, director of fitness at the YMCA of Greater Westfield.

In addition to addressing the importance of exercise during the menopause years, Ms. Palmer will lead participants in a short exercise program. Seminar participants are advised to dress in comfortable clothing.

A low-fat lunch will be provided, during which participants will be invited to share in round-table discussions with other participants and seminar speakers.

In addition to the seminar on Saturday, October 22nd, the program also includes a free lecture for men only on Tuesday, October 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at Noble Hospital. Dr. Robert Wool, a gynecologist/obstetrician on staff at Noble Hospital, Providence Hospital, and Baystate Medical Center, will discuss menopause with the men, helping them to understand what the women in their lives are experiencing and how they can be supportive during this time.

The cost of the seminar, which includes lunch and the October 22nd lecture, is \$5. Pre-registration is necessary by sending your name, address, and phone number, with a check for \$5, to Westfield YMCA, attention Gail LaGasse, 67 Court Street, Westfield, MA 01085. The deadline for registration is October 17th.

For more information, call Noble Hospital's Community Relations Department, 568-2811, ext. 5569.

Cholesterol Screening At Mercy Hospital Set For Sept. 29th

The Department of Patient Education at Mercy Hospital announces the following programs for September:

Cholesterol screening—September 29th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Memorial House Auditorium; \$10 donation. *Note:* Fasting is necessary 10 to 12 hours prior to testing (water may be taken); results will be mailed to participants.

Blood glucose screening—September 30th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Memorial House Auditorium; donation \$2 for testing materials. *Note:* Fasting is necessary after midnight (water may be taken).

Walk-in registrations are accepted for both screenings.

For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

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Better Breathers Group To Meet Sept. 28th

On Wednesday, September 28th, the Better Breather Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema), will meet at Mercy Hospital, Medical Staff Room, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, 271 Carew Street, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Kathy Lococo, RRT, will speak on self-assessment and communicating with your doctor. These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506, or Mercy Hospital Respiratory Department, 748-9610.

Arthritis Support On Tuesday, October 4th

The Springfield Area Arthritis Support Group will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Elks Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

Dr. C. Bruce Tallman, Rheumatologist, will speak on Therapy and Arthritis - Taking Control. Arthritis Support Groups invite people with arthritis and their family and friends to share common concerns and become better informed about this disease.

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ON VIDEO

by Louis Pisano

Summer's Last Hurrah

As the leaves begin to transform into brilliant colors of gold and red, we are reminded that it is time to bid a fond farewell to beachballs, sunburns, and cookouts.

Below, I've suggested some films that will keep summer here for at least a few hours more.

* *Poison Ivy*

Director: Larry Elikann. 1985. Not rated. 1 hour and 37 minutes. Starring: Michael J. Fox, Nancy McKeon, Robert Klein, Caren Kaye, Jason Bateman, and Adam Baldwin.

No, folks, this isn't the sleazy film starring Drew Barrymore. Instead, this is a family film that the kids can safely watch.

Michael J. Fox plays an idealistic camp counselor who falls for the camp nurse, played by Nancy McKeon.

This romantic subplot adds some genuine stability to this film, which would otherwise be nothing great. Regardless of the mediocre screenplay, the actors involved (especially the young ones) deliver convincing and humorous performances that appeal to any viewer.

Most of all, the kids can watch. Nowadays, that in itself is a rare occasion. Fox and McKeon do have a surprising on-screen chemistry that works. This is primarily due to director Larry Elikann's decision not to overexpose the couple's romance.

Adults will enjoy the mood and tone of the film while the children will have fun watching their peers perform. It isn't a blockbuster, but it is wholesome family entertainment. **2½ STARS.** (12 years and up.)

* *On Golden Pond*

Director: Mary Rydell. 1981. Rated PG. 1 hour and 49 minutes. Starring: Henry Fonda, Katharine Hepburn, Jane Fonda, and Doug McKeon.

This film was the subject of rave reviews during its release over a decade ago and still remains one of the best motion pictures of all time. The film explores everything from human nature to familial loyalty.

Absolutely superb performances are delivered by Henry Fonda, Katharine Hepburn, and Jane Fonda as members of a family trying to reconcile during one summer.

The film has everything you want: drama, humor, heartwarming characterizations, heartwarming relationships, and a beautiful setting. Most of all, the true escapism permitted by the film makes for two hours of motion picture viewing that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Take a break from the explosions, the nudity, the machine-gun-clad protagonists, and partially-clad female partners ... and watch a film that proves to be what all movies should be—a triumph of the human spirit! **4 STARS.** (16 years and up.)

* *The Sure Thing*

Director: Rob Reiner. 1985. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 40 minutes. Starring: John Cusack, Daphne Zuniga, Anthony Edwards, Boyd Gaines, and Lisa Jane Persky.

Rob Reiner directed this story about two freshmen in college who meet on the road.

In true Reiner fashion, the story is told from a romantic point of view. Cusack and Zuniga star as the two college students and perform very well together.

This is definite summer fare and serves as a reminder of how much fun summer could be. It isn't necessarily for the kids, but adults will not be disgusted. Because, as always with Mr. Reiner, his tasteful and tactful approach to filmmaking makes him "a sure thing," too! **3 STARS.** (17 years and up.)

(WRITER'S POSTSCRIPT: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks ... On Video." So send your comments, requests, and even your letters of damnation straight to me in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

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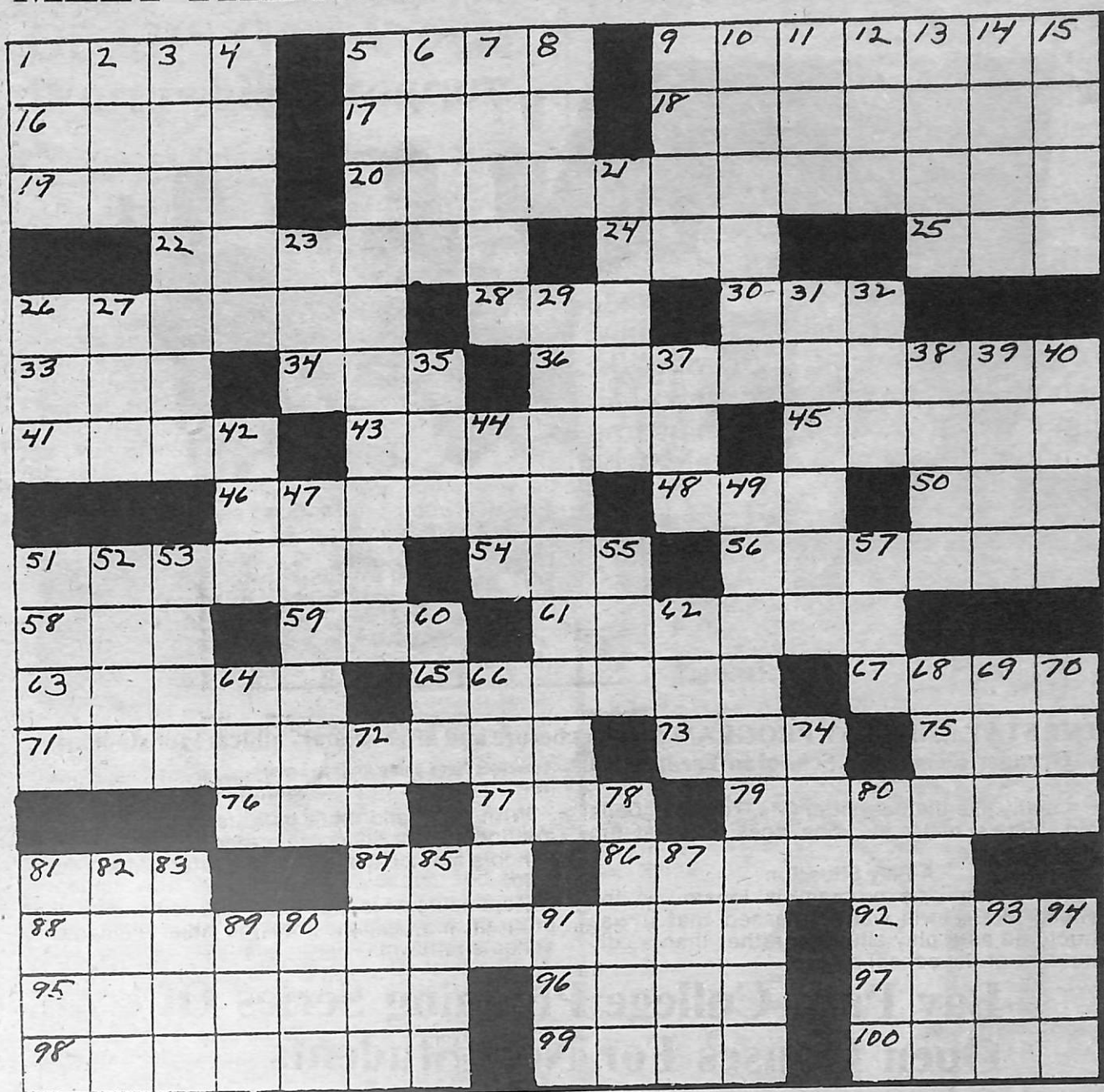
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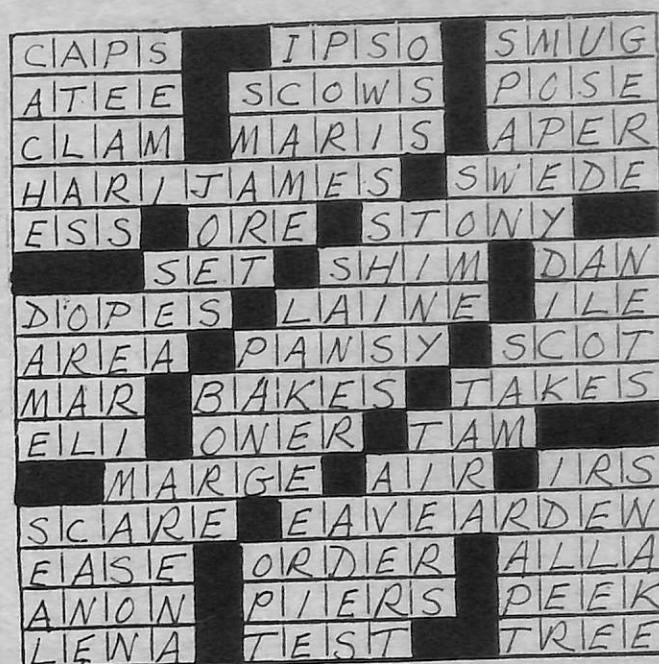
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Last Week's Solution...



"First Friday" Series Returns On Sept. 30th

The Agawam Cultural Council announces the new First Friday 1994-1995 Series. The first program will be held on Friday, September 30th.

On this date, the Agawam Repertory Theatre will present "On Golden Pond." The performance will take place in the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, at 8:00 p.m.

All of the First Friday Series are free to the public through grants from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

"On Golden Pond" is directed by Arnold Woods and features Jean Deresienska as Ethel Thayer, Jud Pooler as Norman Thayer, and Mindy DeTora as Chelsea Thayer. Robert Kay, an Agawam resident, plays Bill Ray and Luke Kozikowski plays his son, Billy Ray.

Stephen Mangine plays Charlie, the mailman. The stage manager is Debby Kozikowski. The assistant stage manager is Leslie Yopak. Kathy Grady is the producer and Bob Whitney is the set designer. Lighting is by Joel Schnur. Costumes are designed by Carol Balthazar.

Please mark September 30th on your calendars since "On Golden Pond" promises to be an evening of entertainment you won't want to miss.

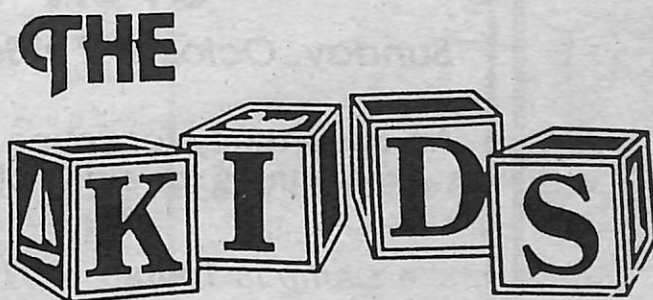
Springfield Turnverein Hosting Country Band On Saturday, Oct. 8th

The Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will present the "Rustler Band" on Saturday, October 8th.

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Before & After-School Care Is A Pilot Prog. At Granger School

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A pilot program is giving parents at Granger School another choice in solving their before and after-school childcare dilemma.

Approved by the School Committee last spring, the Stay and Play Program is being offered by the Mulberry Childcare Centers to provide care for the children of working parents in the morning from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. and in the afternoon from the close of school at 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. The program will expand its hours to accommodate vacations during the school year and the half days resulting from early release for teachers' in-service workshops.

Using space in the cafeteria, the program provides the children in the morning session with an easy transition to their school day. It allows the children in the after-school program a chance to work on homework, play with friends, or work on arts and crafts projects before going outside for free play time on the school's playground equipment or organized outdoor games.

Program Director Sherrie Towne, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in recreation program administration, delivers the children to their classrooms after the morning session and picks up each child at their classroom at the end of the school day.

Offers Parents Security

Granger Principal Phyllis Lewis said the program offers parents the security of a childcare choice in their child's school, thereby eliminating any worries over the children getting to a babysitter or a daycare center.

Also, parents have the added security of knowing the program operates under the watchful eye of the building principal. "Most people are aware that I do check into things," Mrs. Lewis said.

With 19 children in the after-school session and five in the morning session, the program has been well received at Granger, according to Mrs. Lewis.

"As I see it, it looks very positive," said Mrs. Lewis, who has been contacted by parents interested in enrolling their children.

"I feel secure that they're doing a good job," Mrs. Lewis noted.

Second grader Andrew Wakelee finds the program "great." Andrew has friends in the program and enjoys playing with the toys. His favorite activity is playing with the Lego pirate ships.

Busily working on a homework assignment, fourth grader Dana Berte attends the program with her sister, Andrea, a first grader. Glad that her mom had enrolled her in the program, Dana was excited when she learned "Stay and Play" was coming to Granger. Dana said she had occasionally attended the program at her school in Wilbraham last year and she really enjoyed it.



THE STAY AND PLAY PROGRAM provides before and after-school childcare for students at Granger Elementary School in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Lussier.

"I really like the babysitter (Ms. Towne)," Dana said. "She's really fun. She does a lot of fun things outside."

A Play Situation

Even though the program is located in the school, Mrs. Lewis was impressed that it was structured as a play situation rather than a continuation of the school day.

With more and more parents in the workforce and looking for childcare, programs in the public schools may be the way of the future, Mrs. Lewis said.

Depending on interest from the community, the program may expand into the other elementary schools in town.

Bay Path College Planning Series Of Open Houses For New Students

Bay Path College will hold the first of its four annual admissions open houses for prospective students and their parents on Sunday, October 2nd, with activities beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Offered during the day will be an orientation to the campus by administrators and current students, tours, and a double session of career planning seminars with the faculty that will cover all of the bachelor's and associate degree programs offered at the women's college.

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Summertime Opening Of AHS Gym Proves Worthwhile Program

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Like anything new, it started slowly with a relatively small turnout. After some telephone calls to students and some time for the word to spread, the numbers gradually increased. By the third week, about 30 Agawam Junior High and High School students were getting up early to workout and learn more about nutrition and the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.

It all began in June when Director of Athletics, Physical and Health Education, Kathleen McSweeney, was notified she had some money left in the Drug Free Schools Grant to be spent before August.

Knowing that summer vacation often leaves teens with many free hours, "not all of which are spent as productively as we would like," Miss McSweeney developed a program to open up the three gyms at AHS for four weeks in July.

Open To Grades Seven Through 12

Under the direction of Physical Education teachers Kirk Parker and Cindy Grieve, students in grades seven through 12 had the chance to visit the gym five mornings a week from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for exercise, weight training, nutrition counseling, and a smoking cessation program for smokers.

As Miss McSweeney explained to the School Committee at its September 13th meeting, the purpose of the grant was threefold:

(1) to create opportunities in the school setting for students to develop significant, positive relationships with adults, older students, and their peers; (2) to design programs and policies to reinforce responsible student decision-making, promote positive thinking, behavior change, and respect for cultural differences; (3) to create a healthy school environment for staff, students, and family.

The program offered students a chance to use all the athletic equipment at AHS and offered a wide range of activities ranging from basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, jogging, and tennis to weight training.

Parker said many of the students became interested in weight training as a means of improving their athletic performance. With funding from Miss McSweeney and principal Russell Furtado, four olympic weight sets and a multi-use weight bench were purchased for use by the students during the summer program and the school year. The program also benefitted from an extra lifecyle donated by Fitness First Health Club in Feeding Hills.

Students Develop Spirit Of Cooperation

Miss Grieve commented on the spirit of cooperation that developed between the students lifting weights as just one of the positive outcomes of the program. "We saw kids in grades seven through 12 helping each other. We saw boys helping girls design a weight training program," Miss Grieve said.

Rather than plan formal nutrition lessons, the teachers counseled the students while they rode the lifecycles or as they were jogging or exercising. "The kids aren't interested in sitting down to learn about nutrition during their summer break," Miss Grieve said.

Parker said the kids were so enthusiastic about the program, they carried the weights outside to continue their training sessions on the lawn when the building custodians were working on the gym.

Both teachers found the program a positive influence on the students in establishing healthy exercise habits as well as building self-confidence and enhancing self-esteem.

"This was an excellent opportunity for the kids in Agawam," Parker said. "We don't have a Boys' Club or a Girls' Club. We all know there are a lot of negative influences out there and this program gave the kids a positive alternative."

Miss Grieve and Parker agreed they would like to see the program repeated in the future.

Middle School Council Has Three Vacancies

The Agawam Middle School Council is in need of three parents to fill existing vacancies. The purpose the school council is to assist in the verification of the educational needs of the students attending the school; in the review of the annual school budget; and in the formation of a school improvement plan.

The council meets once a month.

Please submit nominees to the school office. Elections by ballot will take place on October 3, 1994 between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. Winners will be announced after 8:00 p.m. that evening at the Middle School PTO Board Meeting.

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Monday, September 26th: Fillet of chicken sandwich in roll with mayonnaise, diced carrots, chilled fruit cup, milk.

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Clark School Parents Voice Concerns About Kindergarten Crowding

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Parents of the kindergarten students at Clark School have received a guarantee that a teaching assistant will be hired for the morning session within the next two weeks.

At the September 13th meeting of School Committee, parent Kim Hurley asked that the School Committee consider several options to reduce the size of the two kindergarten classes at Clark (to put them on a par with the kindergarten classes at the three other elementary schools in town).

At Clark, the morning kindergarten session has 29 students and the afternoon session has 26 students. This gives those classes six to nine more students per class than the kindergarten classes at the other schools. At Granger, the average class size is 20; at Phelps, 20; and at Robinson, 21.

Kindergarten parents at Clark School are worried that overcrowding in their children's classroom will have a negative effect on the students' ability to learn.

Adding to their frustration is the disparity between the number of children in the two kindergarten classes compared to the number of children in the four first grade classes.

Parents are wondering what process was used to decide on the number of classes needed for each grade level. The kindergarten screenings held in the spring and town census figures should have given school officials a realistic idea of how many students to plan for, Mrs. Hurley said.

With an average of 15 students in each first grade, the classes are nearly half the size of the kindergarten classes.

Parents Looking For Another Classroom

Although Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder has agreed to hire a teaching assistant for the morning session, Mrs. Hurley said many parents agree that another kindergarten session should be formed. Mrs. Hurley suggested that a portable classroom be funded or the first grades be regrouped to free up classroom space.

Ryder said it would be too difficult to break up the classes now that school has started and the children have become acquainted with their teachers. Also, teachers must be notified in June of their assignment for the next school year.

Moreover, there is no money to purchase the furniture and supplies for an additional kindergarten room, Ryder said.

Noting that most of the teaching assistants hired in Agawam are certified teachers, Ryder said he was satisfied that a teaching assistant would alleviate the problems caused by overcrowding in the morning kindergarten. The afternoon session will not need an assistant, Ryder said. During the afternoon, the new teaching assistant will be assigned to the Phelps School third grade classes where there are 29 students in each class.

Ryder said the situation should have been brought to his attention in June by the principal and steps would have been taken to regroup the first grades to allow for another kindergarten.

However, Ryder said the number of children expected in June can change over the summer and it could be enrollments made over the summer caused the number of kindergarten students to exceed expectations.

Limited Options

New to Agawam this year, Clark Principal Sandra Howard said, "It isn't the most ideal situation, but the other options are limited. We're doing the best we can with a situation that is not terrific."

According to Mrs. Howard, kindergarten teacher Jane Robinson is "very comfortable with the situation."

Both sessions have a one-on-one Special Education teaching assistant working with children with individual education plans. The teacher will be able to help with general classroom supervision in the afternoon, Mrs. Howard said. "That will be a big help."

"The classroom is running very smoothly and that's a credit to Mrs. Robinson," said Mrs. Howard.

Parents have the option of transferring their children to another school for kindergarten if the class size is small and if they provide transportation.

At a meeting with parents from both sessions, Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Robinson said the children would be better off remaining at Clark, even though the numbers are large.

Mrs. Robinson was able to alleviate their fears, Mrs. Howard said, and none of the parents chose to transfer their children.

While opinions differ on the ideal number of students to assign to a kindergarten class, Mrs. Howard said she favored class sizes in the 20 to 22 pupil range.

Ryder said he was comfortable with having 25 students in a kindergarten class, citing a study that indicated the learning curve began to fall off when class size grew to 34.

Full School Expansion Project OK'd

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Despite a school recommendation against putting an addition on Granger Elementary School from Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder, the School Committee opted to address the space needs of the school system by endorsing a plan to renovate and construct additions to Agawam High School as well as all four of the town's elementary schools.

At its September 13th meeting, the School Committee unanimously approved a \$15,942,875 building plan that would preserve the concept of neighborhood elementary schools and provide AHS with 24 more classrooms. AHS would also receive an added cafeteria, library and storage space, a child development center, a career and guidance conference area, a new gym, music rooms, and added space for teacher preparation work.

After reviewing the plans submitted by the two space needs committees preparing proposals for renovation and expansion of the elementary schools and the High School, Ryder recommended renovations at Granger, but no addition.

Citing traffic congestion and growing commercialization in Feeding Hills Center, Ryder said it was difficult for him to recommend adding on to Granger.

Ryder said he expected to handle the expected growth in the Granger area by redistricting the students to keep the school's population below 480.

Funding Buildings "That Would Remain Empty"

Not convinced that additional classrooms are needed at Granger, Ryder said he did not believe in asking the taxpayers to fund buildings that would remain empty. Also, Ryder cautioned that empty classroom seats could force the town into accepting students from out of the district who opt for school choice.

Under the School Reform Act of 1993, school systems can decline to participate in school choice with a valid reason, such as a lack of space.

Ryder's plan totaled approximately \$2 million less than the plan accepted by the School Committee.

However, Ryder said he would vigorously argue for whatever plan the School Committee endorsed in negotiating with the state Department of Education for school building assistance funds.

Debate among the School Committee members centered on submitting the plans proposed by the Space Needs Committees and letting the state make any cuts in the proposal or going with Ryder's reduced expansion plan.

Backing Ryder's plan, Teresa Kozloski said it was an unethical practice to "add a lot and let them (the state) look for the fat."

Members Scott Macey and Louise David disagreed.

"Let's grab the biggest bite of the apple we can," Macey said, "and let the state shave it."

In support of the expanded plan, Mrs. David said, "The state is very adept at the fine art of negotiation. The state will never give more than we ask for."

Explaining the process of obtaining school building assistance funds, School Committee Chairman Mayor Christopher Johnson said the state will review the School Committee's recommendations and the enrollment study detailing the system's current and future needs (before giving its approval). Johnson said the state will be looking at the gross figures, i.e., so much space for so many students and relying on formulas to make any changes in the proposal.

"Certainly, what we adopt is not cast in concrete," Johnson said.

The renovations and updates recommended for all the elementary schools were formulated to include expected federal and state mandates that may require additional space, as well as bring the buildings into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act as regards handicap accessibility.

Elementary School Additions

The additions to the elementary schools include:

Granger: Six pre-kindergarten and kindergarten rooms with self-contained lavatories, three classrooms, a library/media center and storage areas, lobbies, and restrooms.

Phelps: Four pre-kindergarten and kindergarten rooms with self-contained lavatories and a library/media center.

Robinson Park: Six pre-kindergarten and kindergarten rooms with self-contained lavatories, five classrooms, a library/media center, and storage and meeting areas.

Clark: Four pre-kindergarten and kindergarten rooms with self-contained lavatories, two classrooms, and a library/media center.

Agawam High School is slated to receive renovations and 54,918 feet of additional space to serve a student population that can be expected to grow from the present 1,187 to 1,374 by the fall of 1997 (based solely on the current student population, without taking into consideration future growth).

With a three- to five-year timeframe for obtaining funding for school expansion projects, Agawam schools can expect to feel the crunch of crowded conditions until close to the turn of the century.

Currently, Agawam receives a 71 percent reimbursement rate from the state on school building plans meeting with the state's approval, leaving the town responsible for raising 29 cents of every dollar on school expansion and renovation.



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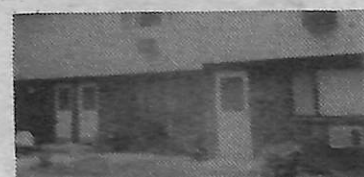
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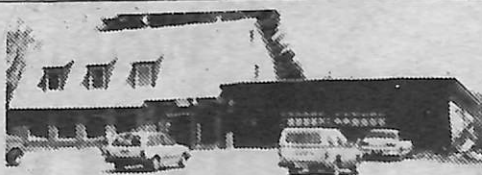
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Student Numbers Way Up At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With a freshman class numbering 356 students and taking up the space left behind by the 201 seniors who graduated in June, school department officials agree that AHS is crowded but has not yet reached the critical stage of overcrowding.

Enrollment figures on students currently attending school in Agawam indicate that there will be at least another 187 students at the High School by the time this year's freshman class reaches its senior year.

Even with the \$6.8 million renovation and expansion project approved by the School Committee on September 13th, there will be no relief in sight for at least three to five years. The proposal must pass through the process of getting school building assistance funds from the state.

Taking into account the number of seniors graduating and the number of freshmen expected, School Department officials estimated 150 more students at AHS this year.

However, Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said there were 95 more students on the first day of the school year as compared to the first day of school last year.

While the recommended number of students in an academic course has been set at 25, many courses are filled past the maximum number assigned by the school.

"From this point on, we're going to have to closely monitor classroom size. That's one of our goals and objectives," noted School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau.

According to a breakdown of the class sizes by subject area, many academic classes have enrollments of 27, 28, and 29 students.

School Committee member Teresa Kozloski said she was particularly concerned about the high number of students in the ninth grade English classes.

"I'm concerned that the students are not getting the support they need, especially with writing and comprehension," Mrs. Kozloski said.

Ryder Won't Consider Portable Classrooms

Ryder said he would not consider portable

classrooms to handle an increase in student population before the addition can be built, nor would it be possible to move the ninth grade back to the Junior High. At some point, Ryder noted, double sessions might be an option, but he added, "We're not there yet."

According to Ryder, schools are overcrowded when 96 percent of the classrooms are used each period of the day. Currently at AHS, all the classrooms are occupied for three out of the seven periods of the day.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who serves as the chairman of the School Committee, said he has not received a single complaint from any teacher, parent, or student about crowded conditions at AHS. Johnson said there were more students at the high school when he graduated 15 years ago (about 1,200 compared to 1,187 today), and the wing used for science classes hadn't been built.

Aware of the argument that space needs today must take into consideration extra space for Special Education and reduced numbers in computer classes, Johnson said, "No one has been able to quantify it. I haven't seen any specific information."

AHS Principal Russell Furtado said it was necessary to hire an additional science teacher and a social studies/math teacher to accommodate the incoming freshmen class, but no courses were dropped this year, including advanced placement courses.

"Essentials Are Being Provided..."

Despite being hit with a massive budget cut just weeks before the opening of school, Furtado told parents at Freshmen Orientation Night, "All the essentials are being provided to make a fabulous year for the students."

Furtado said that while the school was "a little packed," only one hallway was of particular concern as a point of congestion. Furtado assured the parents that the administration and the staff were working on strategies to provide the "extras" for the students.

In an interview with *The Agawam Advertiser News*,

Furtado said he was once again looking for volunteers from the community to help out at the school in any way possible.

For example: tutoring, helping out in the library, or even monitoring the bathrooms to discourage smoking and vandalism. All it would take is the mere presence of an adult, Furtado said. "People don't have to fear a confrontation. That's not this school, and I intend to keep it that way," he added.

"We do need the help and we want people to come to the High School," Furtado said.

Faced with a \$190,000 reduction in his budget request, Furtado is making some tough choices. These include books for the library or saving the school's newspaper. After some soul-searching, the newspaper won and he's keeping his fingers crossed that the Xerox machines make it through another year.

Among the many areas falling prey to the budget crunch are updates to the Business Department's computers, the thousands of library books needed to bring the library up to the American Library Association's standards, and professional development funds, as well as furniture, textbooks, and basic supplies.

Teachers Should Concentrate On Lesson Plans

At the opening of school, Furtado said he told his teachers to concentrate on developing excellent lesson plans and let him worry about getting the supplies. "If I have to go out to the community to look for support, I will," Furtado said.

Noting the support he has received from area businesses in the past year, Furtado said, "The business community of Agawam is dynamite."

He added, "We know we can't have the moon and the stars, but this (budget request) was not for the moon and the stars."

With the High School's budget cut to \$74,754, Furtado will have about 35 percent less money to spend on textbooks, furniture, computers, and supplies for a student body that has grown by about 10%. Last year, the High School was allotted a budget of \$116,051.

AHS Band Parents Have BIG E Shuttle

On the three weekends of The Big E, the Agawam High School Band Parents Association will again sponsor hassle-free shuttle parking for The Big E at Agawam High School.

Shuttle parking will be available September 17th and 18th, 24th and 25th, and October 1st and 2nd. Shuttle buses will run continuously between the High School parking lot and The Big E, beginning at 8:00 a.m. All Agawam routes will be marked in brown.

The last shuttle will leave The Big E at 10:00

p.m. Parking will be \$4. This convenience to the fairgoer is provided by The Big E and PVTA. The shuttle charge is \$2 per person, round trip.

For those fairgoers parking at the High School, weekend discount tickets for The Big E will be available at a cost of \$6. Discount tickets are available upon payment of the parking fee. There will be no parking at the High School during the week. Parking is only available on weekends.

With discount tickets, a family of four realizes savings enough to buy that one special Big E treat. Fairgoers who used shuttle parking last

year remarked over and over on how convenient it was.

All of the proceeds received through parking fees will be used for the benefit of the Agawam High School Band program. Patrons are encouraged to use the shuttle parking. Avoid the hassle of weekend traffic and high-priced parking. Park at the High School, leave the driving to someone else, pick up discount tickets, and benefit the award-winning High School Band, all at the same time.

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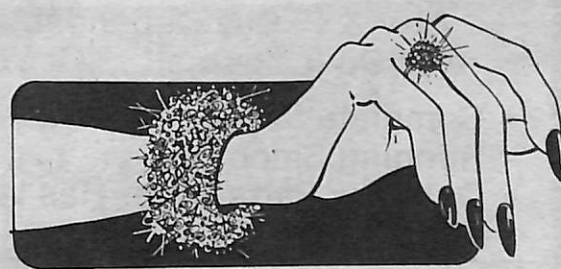
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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

The high school guidance office has been extremely busy the past month. Now that things have settled down, it's time to bring you up to date about the happenings in our office.

My staff and I have spoken to all of the seniors about their and our responsibilities during their last year regarding their future plans. They received the registration bulletin for the November SAT exam and numerous handouts which we told them to bring home to share with their parents.

In case this was not accomplished, I have included in this first column this same material for your perusal. As the weeks in the school year pass, I will include important information for primarily seniors and juniors - but there will be some information regarding freshmen and sophomores.

Each week a guidance bulletin is published and placed in every room of the school. All students should read this bulletin since it is our primary source of communication with the 1,100 students attending AHS. I will include this bulletin in the weekly column.

I hope my column proves to be informative and if you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PSAT'S - Saturday, October 15, 1994. Cost: \$11. Must be paid by October 14, 1994.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - To be announced.

SAT'S - Saturday, November 5, 1994. Late Registration - October 1st-12th (\$15 late fee).

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

College Conferences: Seniors who are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office.

September 27th: Stevens Institute of Tech, 1:00

September 29th: Clark University, 8:00

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information.

Coca Cola Scholarship - This scholarship is open to seniors planning to pursue a degree at a post-secondary institution. Selection will be based on a number of factors, including character, personal merit, and the background of each individual. Merit may be demonstrated in a variety of ways: leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to succeed in all endeavors. Deadline: October 31st.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Awards for Excellence in Writing: Scholarships of \$20,000 will be available to selected high school students who plan to major in communication at RPI. Deadline: January 14, 1995.

Bay Path College Awards for Excellence: Special merit scholarships are available to encourage student achievers to enroll at Bay Path.

Open Houses: See your counselor for more information.

Dean College: October 1st and November 19th, 9:15-1:00

Colorado College: October 2nd, 3:00, Boston Marriott, Newton, MA

Dickinson College: October 9th-10th and October 30th-31st.

St. Joseph College (Maine): October 21st

Bay Path College: October 2nd, November 12th, February 15th

Brown University: September 26th, 7:30 p.m., Wilbraham and Monson Academy Field House.

College Fair: AIC, Wednesday, October 5th, Butova Gym, 7:00-9:00 p.m. More than 200 colleges from throughout the country will be represented.

SENIORS' TIMETABLE

September:

Register for the November SAT/ACH.
Narrow college choices.
Personal interview with counselor (Sept., Oct., Nov.).

Write for college applications.

Check announcements and sign up for college representative visits.

Check your senior schedule.

October:

Personal interview with counselor.
College night at Cathedral High School.
Early decision, Early Action deadline (Oct. 1st-Oct. 15th) (Nov. 1st-Nov. 15th).

Apply for December SAT/ACH.

Attend college representative meetings.

Review transcript with counselor.

Ask teachers for recommendation (if needed).

November:

SAT/ACH tests at Agawam High School.

Register for January SAT/ACH.

Personal interview with counselor.
End of first marking period.
Completed College Applications due in Guidance Office.

Checklist for Seniors

1. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

A. All applications to institutions of higher learning will be processed in the guidance office. A completed application along with the application fee (if required) must be given to the guidance counselor. A stamped, addressed envelope to the institution must be included. We do not provide postage. Any teacher recommendations must be handled by the student. The student's counselor recommendation will be included with the transcripts.

2. COLLEGE INFORMATION:

A. Research colleges that have your desired program - ex. **College Handbook, College Costs, Index of Major.**

B. College catalogs are available for your personal use in the guidance office - can be taken overnight.

C. Applications for local & state colleges are available in the guidance office. Must mail for others.

D. Recommend that student applies to three colleges (1: a longshot, 1: in the middle, 1: a sure thing).

E. College conferences - The guidance office bulletin lists the names of colleges that will be visiting our school. Sign-up in the guidance office for the desired conference. Pick up the pass on the day of the conference.

F. If unable to attend the conference, read the college catalog and write to the school. Be on the lookout for College Nights (October-big month,

Cathedral & HCC).

G. Check with college to see what kind of CEEB tests are required. Consult with your guidance counselor.

H. CLEP exams. AP exams.

I. Visit interested colleges in the fall.

3. GUIDANCE BULLETIN:

Guidance Bulletin is very important. It is the communication link between the student and his/her counselor. It is posted in every classroom and office (including the guidance office), every Friday. It lists information regarding **College Conferences, Scholarships, Open Houses, SATs, etc.**

4. FINANCIAL AID:

A. F.A.F. (Financial Aid Form) not available until December - cannot be filed with CSS until January 1, 1995.

B. Mass. State Scholarship Programs.

C. Scholarships - on-going - will be listed on the guidance bulletin. The local scholarships will be announced in January.

D. Regional, State, & National Scholarships listed on the guidance bulletin board.

E. Loans - check with the bank parents do business with.

5. COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS - COLLEGE COUNSEL:

COLLEGE COUNSEL - Located in the guidance office - use is restricted to those students aspiring to a four-year college. See your counselor regarding its use.

6. RELEASE FORMS:

Your transcript will not be sent to a college, school, or an employer, unless you sign the release form.

7. BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET:

Must be submitted before senior interview takes place.

Fitness First To Hold "Columbus Day Sailors" Kid's Kamp

Fitness First in Feeding Hills will be holding a one-day Kid's Kamp on Monday, October 10th (school closed for holiday) for all children ages three to 12. The theme for this kamp is "Columbus Day Sailors" in honor of Columbus Day. As always, crafts and games will be geared to focus on the holiday.

Each kamp held at Fitness First incorporates swimming, physical activity, games, crafts, and snack time. Kamp children will learn about the benefits of exercise and the importance of the day we are celebrating. Pizza and lemonade will be served for lunch.

Fitness First's one-day kamp will last from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with extended babysitting hours for parents who work. Registration is being accepted at Fitness First or by calling the club at 786-1460.

All registrations and payment must be received by Wednesday, October 5th. Space is limited.

Annual Magazine Drive Kicks-Off At Jr. High On September 22nd

The students of the Agawam Junior High School will begin their annual magazine drive on Thursday, September 22, 1994.

As in the past, this event is the major fundraiser for the P.T.O. However, due to the great budget cuts, the P.T.O. may be the source of much help this year. It's important to have a successful drive.

You can help us:

(1) If you have subscriptions that need to be renewed or if you would like to order a subscription to a new magazine, please SAVE your orders for our fundraiser.

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News & Notes From Middle School PTO

The first meeting of the Agawam Middle School PTO took place on September 12th with over 40 parents in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Donna M. Shibley, with the Secretary's report read by Pat Serafino and the Treasurer's report read by Linda Montagna.

Back-To-School night was scheduled for September 14th at 7:00 p.m. This was for parents only.

Debbie Pelley, the fall fundraiser chairperson, reported that the fall fundraiser will take place from September 13th through 27th. Delivery is expected to be in mid-November.

School pictures will be October 4th.

Robert King, a storyteller, will present two programs on October 13th (one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 10:20 a.m.). He will also continue working with Mrs. Ferrari in the "writer-in-residence" program.

Co-President Kathy DeVall spoke about the accelerated reader program, which is an incentive program to get kids to read. The school library and the Agawam Public Library both have a list of acceptable books with a point value allotted to each book.

The student reads the book and then takes a test about the book on the computer. Anyone achieving over 10 points gets to go to a party, and a special t-shirt is given to anyone achieving over 100 points.

Three parents are needed to fill the vacancies on the Middle School Council. Please submit names of nominees to the office.

Elections will take place at the next PTO Board Meeting on October 3, 1994 between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m. The winners will be announced after 8:00 p.m. that evening.

The following committee positions were filled:

Campbell Labels: Leslie Young.

Halloween: Terry Carpenter, Jan Lapins, Jane Gaffney, Karen Chmura, and Pat Serafino.

Hospitality: Jan Lapins.

Holiday Bazaar: Nancy Cilimberg, Charlene Trombley, Kathy Carmody, and Diane Hajdamowicz.

Scholarship: Dee Circosta-Aspinall, Sue Trujillo, and Pat Serafino.

Adelphi: Louise Pilegi, Jan Lapins, Terry Carpenter, Karen Chmura, Kathie Kida, Louise Escobar, Diane Hajdamowicz, and Jane Gaffney.

Sixth Grade Blast-Off Party: Dee Circosta-Aspinall, Donna Bodurtha, Louise Pilegi, JoAnn Sullivan, Jackie Guiel, Louise Escobar, Jan Lapins, Jane Gaffney, Claire Cardin, and Debbie Roda.

Fifth Grade Program: Diane Shields, Kathy Carmody, Bonnie Waters, Terry Carpenter, Nancy Cilimberg.

Book Fair: Debbie Pelley and Karen Asta-Ferrero.

Teacher Appreciation: Maryellen Sullivan, Leslie Young, Terry Carpenter, and Diane Hajdamowicz.

Fun Night: Donna Bodurtha, Dee Circosta-Aspinall, Terry Carpenter, Sharon Robichard, Jackie Guiel, Debbie Roda, and Diane Hajdamowicz.

Volunteers are still needed for the accelerated reader party and for the arts and humanities grant project. Please call Donna Shibley at 786-3888 if you are interested.

Other topics discussed were the November 30th conference night and the possibility of a school ski club.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 1994. All teachers and parents are invited to attend.

Camp Rainbow Presents Recognition Awards



FRAN MULCAHY, owner of Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills, receives a recognition award from **Lori LeClair**, director of Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs summer camp. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



REPRESENTING THE Buccaneer Lounge of Agawam at the Camp Rainbow recognition night was **Donald Hanna**. Hanna is receiving the recognition award for the Buc Lounge from **Lori LeClair**, Camp Rainbow director. SEE RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Camp Rainbow Recognizes Summer Volunteers



LORI LECLAIR, the director of Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs summer camp, presented recognition awards to Dennis Marchetto (left) and Frank Paradiso at the Camp Rainbow Awards Night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ADVERTISER NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER Jack Devine receives a recognition award from Lori Leclair, director of Camp Rainbow, the town's special needs summer camp. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Beginning Readers Invited To Drop By Agawam Library For Special Program

Come to the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, October 6th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and enjoy a variety of stories from the library's very best books for beginning readers. Especially geared for kids in primary grades,

this program will entertain you with "The Very Bad Bunny" and many other amusing characters. Agawam and Feeding Hills children may be registered by calling 789-1550 or stopping by at 750 Cooper Street.

Marching Mohawks Set To Start New Season At Agawam High

by Kate Brumer
Member of the AHS Marching Band

The day is August 29, 1994, and most Agawam students are just getting up at about 10:00 in the morning to bask in the last few days of summer before it all starts again. For about 90 students, this is not the case. These are the students of the Agawam Marching Mohawks.

This year's annual band camp was held at the High School, where both the band and colorguard worked every day and even into the night to learn the material for the upcoming fall season. As we have seen in years past, the Marching Mohawks are a very active and successful group. Often traveling to faraway and even out-of-state and out-of-country performances to bring back many noteworthy awards. With new uniforms and larger numbers, this year is looking to have a great outcome.

For the first time in many years, director Scott Thomson decided to dedicate the whole Fall Show to a single theme. Chosen was the major Broadway musical, "Fiddler on the Roof." Three medleys containing songs from the play will be choreographed with the band and especially the colorguard, which this year has learned special dances that require much more skill than in years past.

Also added to the performance will be a percussion feature arranged by Mr. Thomson. Featured soloists will appear throughout the show, including Rob Parslow (senior) on trumpet, Kevin Tampone (sophomore) on trumpet, Genevieve Rose (senior) on baritone horn, and Eric Champagne and Michael Eddy (both freshmen) on marching horn.

As in years past, the band is led by many student leaders who devote much time to the band and colorguard. This year's leaders are: drum majors Joan Mineo (senior) and Jason "Skipper" Reed (junior); colorguard captains Kimberly Graveline (senior), Debbie McKenna (senior), and Danielle LaBarre (junior).

Newly-elected band officers include president Rob Parslow (senior), vice-president Amy Daudelin (senior), secretary/treasurer Lynn Carra (senior), and equipment manager Heather Frechette (senior).

Band is a credited course at the High School that requires much out-of-school preparation time and is the largest group at Agawam High School keeping students constantly together on their own will.

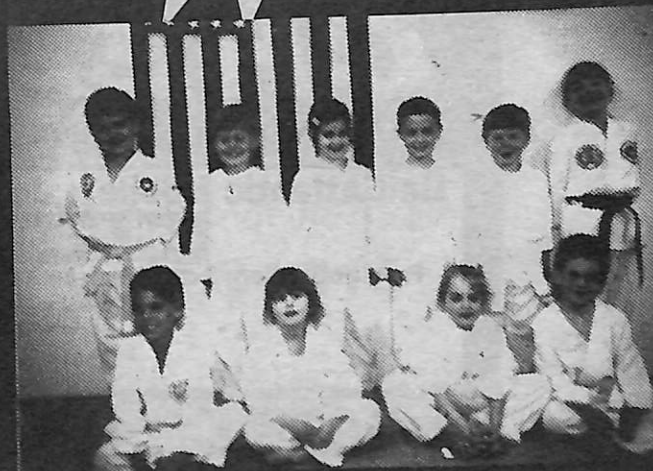
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"It's up to all of us to look out for these youngsters because they are not thinking much about safety—especially those going to school for the first time," said Francis J. Maloney, Jr., General Manager of the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley. "They're too immature and too excited."

The AAA official said that some 29,000 youngsters under the age of 15 lose their lives or suffer injuries in motor vehicle crashes each year. Sadly, many of the survivors will be disabled for life. In fact, traffic crashes involve a disproportionate number of children and lead to all causes of death and injury among youngsters up to age 14.

Drivers can help protect children by being especially careful near schools, watching their speed, and obeying the school safety patrol or adult crossing guard.

Remember, school is open—drive carefully!

For more information, call the Automobile Club of Pioneer Valley, 150 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089-1351, (413) 785-1381.

Back To School Night At Ag. Junior High

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School Night" will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 26th from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms.

Then, at 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh and eighth grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Mr. Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School Night," since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explained that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

According to Mr. Littlefield, the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. However, conference nights have been scheduled in the near future for that purpose.

AHS BAND - from Page 40...

A typical week for the band will include a Tuesday night rehearsal until 9:00 p.m. (and if you think that when it gets dark, they go in—you're wrong!); an after-school rehearsal until 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays; Fridays will be filled with home football games; and then on Saturdays and Sundays, there will be many performances, such as the A.I.C. homecoming or traveling to marching band festivals throughout Southern New England.

Sometimes students begin to wonder when it will end, but when they are honored every single time for outstanding performances, time never seems to matter. As Mr. Thomson would say, "I spend more time with your kids than you do!" Because of this dedication, this year is going to be spectacular.

So, on September 23, 1994, don't miss the 1994-1995 Marching Mohawks' first performance of the season at The Big E. You won't be sorry!

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice before he can cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053. Thanks.

Junior High School Council Needs Three Parents & 1 Community Rep.

The Agawam Junior High School Council is in need of three parents and one community representative. The purpose of the school council is to "assist in the identification of the educational needs of the students attending the school, in the review of the annual school budget, and in the formation of a school improvement plan."

The Agawam Junior High School Council consists of four parents, four teachers, the principal,

and one community representative. They meet once a month.

Names will be taken in nomination at the AJHS office (789-1400, ext. 460).

Elections (by ballot) will take place on the Back To School Night, September 26th.

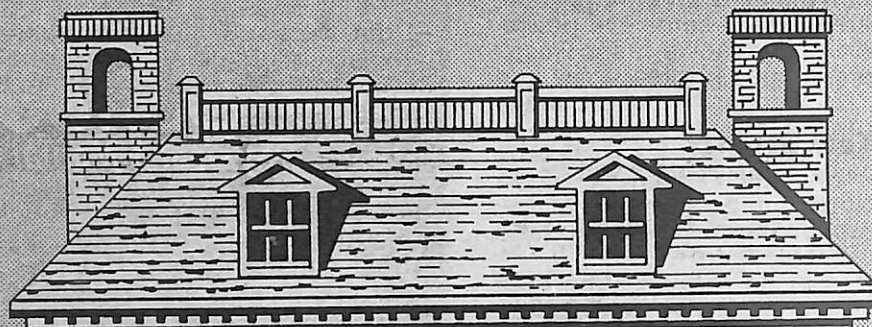
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by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football Brownies are about to meet Amherst, in Amherst, this Saturday at 1:30 p.m. So I think this might be a good time for all you Brownie fans to calm down and reflect on last Friday night's football opener against Northampton. Let's call it a post-mortem of sorts. That's what we'll tag this procedure, for want of a better, less palatable word—like autopsy.

To put it in perspective for all you baby-boomer parents of football players, remember that old Bob Dylan song about mobster Joey Gallo? Joey got gunned down, too, in a more literal sense. At the funeral, Dylan wailed the refrain of the mourning sons to the mourning father as they tried to comfort the old man: "C'mon Dad. Please don't weep. He ain't dead. He's just asleep."

So it was on this fine evening, in a figurative sense, the Brownies just rolled over and played dead.

Let's get on with it. It was not supposed to be that way. Despite the fact that Northampton had beaten Agawam in their last six football confrontations, the Brownies—with a great, ball-control running game out of the "I" formation and a big, tough defense—were an even-money team in this one.

And for a while, it was just that. Agawam won the toss and took the football. As expected, they started in the "I." As expected, sensational senior tailback Jason Votzakos got the call. He got five yards up the middle. Then he got the green light again and muscled for eight yards off right tackle. They worked him left on the third carry from scrimmage. And he got three behind some evil power-blocking from 6'3", 295-pound tackle Jason Rossi. Get this right. Votzakos lugged it three times and picked up 16 yards. No wonder he has so many college recruiters drooling into pie plates.

But, alas, they faced a third down conversion. Senior end Brian Colby couldn't produce on an end around. It was Northampton's ball.

Here's where the rubout starts. Even Joey Gallo could have seen this one coming.

Northampton started at its own 23. Who gets the ball? None other than their own blue chipper—Chris Mettey, a 5'9", 190-pound senior halfback who scored 11 touchdowns last season for Northampton. He plowed for six. On the option right, he churned for 12. Then senior quarterback Mike Ellerbrook runs the option to the right for 14. Then it's Mettey again up the right side for a 26-yard gain. The Agawam defense was leaking badly.

Now, I hate to sound bloodthirsty (so I won't), but Bob Magistry—a 5'10", 180-pound senior and

a vicious run defender at the corner—saw that Mettey was going to gain big on that option right. Mettey was full bore into his run when Magistry tore into him like a Hellfire missile into the side of a tank ... so long, Mettey. The big back was carried from the field with a severely sprung ankle, never to return that night.

Did it make much of a difference? No. Senior halfback Adam Robinson took it for 12 yards to the Brownie 6. And Ellerbrook finished it off with a keeper to paydirt. They got the two-point conversion and the rout was on. Northampton, 8-0.

AHS Was "Game"

The Brownies were game, however. They fought back on their next possession. It was 205-pound fullback Dom Pisano up the middle for five. Votzakos got eight. At the end of the first quarter, Votzakos had 37 yards on seven carries. He finished with 70 yards on nine carries. Agawam started out the second period much as it had the first—keeping it on the ground. Votzakos had a run of 14 yards for a first down. He lugged it again up the middle for seven.

Then the Brownies went to sleep, so to speak. Agawam coach Dean Vecchiarelli explained it: "They're a better team than many people think. We didn't play well. They took us out of our ball-control game."

In our pre-season preview, Vecchiarelli had mentioned that ball control was their bread and butter. In this particular contest, that game plan looked more like burnt toast and a cold cup of coffee.

It got worse. Senior quarterback Dave Curley threw an interception to Northampton's Jake Allen. 'Hamp drove to the Agawam 24, where Ellerbrook hit halfback Mike Williams coming out of the backfield for a 24-yard touchdown. The two-pointer was good. Northampton, 16-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Agawam fumbled the ball. Northampton recovered. By now every belly on the Brownie side of the field was beginning to get that sinking feeling. There was justification. Ellerbrook, playing like Joe Montana, flung it up and completed a 39-yard bomb to Jake Allen. With the two-point conversion, it was 24-0 Northampton. 'Hamp scored two touchdowns in 14 seconds, by the way. ("He ain't dead. He's just asleep.") There probably wasn't a Brownie fan in the stands that night who'd argue the slumber part.

Agawam did manage to score towards the end of the half. Dave Curley, who saw his running

game run south, threw a 12-yard strike to wide receiver Josh Menard.

The half ended with Northampton up 24-6.

Now For The Second Half...

The second half had to be played. It was. The Brownie slumber party was now in full swing. Ellerbrook came back slinging hash. This time it was an 18-yard touchdown pass to Jake Allen.

Agawam got the ball. Curley came out throwing. It is perhaps time to mention that I haven't mentioned the name Votzakos yet. He never came out for the final two periods. He has a slight concussion. Maybe he could have made the difference. But the way Northampton was playing, maybe Emmet Smith would have mattered little.

Curley had to throw. And he did. This time it was caught by Northampton's Jake Allen. It was his second pick of the night. The 6'1", 180-pound senior ran it down to the Agawam four yard line. Curley ran him down after a 41-yard interception gain. Northampton pushed it in from there. The score stood at 38-6.

By now both coaches, to their credit, had inserted their backup players into the game. That's a great thing about high school sports; there are few no-class, run-it-up coaches in these ranks like Florida's Steve Spurrier and Penn State's Joe Paterno in college ball. The only thing Vecchiarelli and coach Frank Tudryn of 'Hamp wanted to do was run it out. They should both be commended. Agawam did score a final time, as junior quarterback Jeff Harlin led them to a score, giving it to senior Jeff Blews (who went in from six yards out). The final score—Northampton 38, Agawam 12.

Before I leave you, we should address that Amherst game. Coach Vecchiarelli said bluntly, "We need to become mentally tough." He also noted that they're already pretty hard core physically. So, all this week they've been working on the brain side of the game. That's the side that's a little like "The Little Engine That Could" story.

You start off saying, "I think I can" over and over while you're doing what it is you think you can't do, until you get so focused that you realize you are actually doing what seemed impossible. Okay, that's pretty basic, but you get the point. Amherst is in the Suburban League. They are big but inexperienced. Even though they'll host the Brownies, I pick Agawam. Because last Friday night, our guys were anything but dead. They were only asleep.

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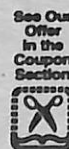
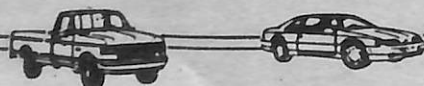
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AHS Boys Break Into Soccer Win Column

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High School boys' soccer team has an important game Friday night (September 23rd) against Moriarty Division foe Northampton. That's why the Brownies' game against Chicopee last Monday night was so important. They came into the game with a 0-3 record, having lost to West Springfield, Chicopee Comp, and Ludlow. They were definitely not in the spot they'd been predicted to be in many pre-season polls—challenging for the division crown.

However, the 3-2 Agawam win over Chicopee got them headed in the right direction. Here's how it happened. The first half saw a grim Agawam team play what Brownie coach Dwight Northrup called "boot-ball." They were utilizing long kicks to jump-start their offense. And while it was exciting to watch, it really wasn't fitting into the Brownie style of attack; the short, crisp passing game.

The first big Agawam scoring opportunity came at 25:58 of the first half, when Brownie sweeper Todd Boskiewicz intercepted a long Chicopee pass. Agawam managed to work the ball downfield when fullback Brian Boyer offered up a strong shot at the Chicopee goal. It angled just wide of the left post; in fact, it was so close that many Brownie fans leapt to their feet, thinking the ball had gone in.

That little scare seemed to light a fire under Chicopee. They stormed back, utilizing a ball control offense which saw their patience pay off. As senior fullback Dan LaPierre split the Brownies' defense and scored his ninth goal of the season, giving Chicopee a 1-0 lead.

The Brownies, maybe a little down, tried to muster another drive, but they appeared ragged and shaken. Some long, 20-yard shots on the Chicopee goal prompted coach Northrup to yell at his troops, imploring them to be more creative. It was advice they'd take to heart later on.

The story of the first half was straightforward. Both teams seemed evenly matched in the speed department. Both teams played freelance soccer for long spells, then fell back into the traditional, disciplined game. 1-0, Chicopee at the half was a fair score.

Second Frame Was A Little Different

The second frame was a little different. Actually, for Agawam, it was a complete about-face from their early season performance. They played the kind of soccer Northrup had expected them to play all along. This reporter penciled into his notebook (in big block letters) **THIS TEAM NEEDS A WIN!**

At 37:48 of the second half, senior fullback Ryan Willett put on a prime display of dribbling, working it in close to the Chicopee goal. He dished the ball off to senior midfielder Mike Domangue, who beat Pacer goalie Dave LaPierre big time by drilling it with authority into the right corner of the Chicopee goal.

Then, at 36:48, senior midfielder Jeff Rousseau sent as fine a cross kick as you're ever going to see to senior midfielder Brian Chechile; Brian buried it into the right-hand corner of the Chicopee goal. In a blink, it was 2-1, Agawam.

Then, at 35:53, the Brownies—hitting their stride and reveling in their potential—did it again. It was another classic cross kick. This time,

senior sweeper Todd Boskiewicz (who can kick on a dime and give you nine cents change) laid it right on Domangue's foot; he rarely misses, and he didn't this time. Make it 3-1, Agawam.

This sudden Agawam surge seemed to prompt Chicopee to leave the playing field momentarily ... at least head-wise. While they appeared to have several opportunities in the second, they missed on what should have been legitimate shots on goal.

At 20:55 in the second, the Pacers got a direct kick opportunity. Mark Bucalo, who has leg like a log, sent a high ball screamer over Brownie goalie Bob Burke's head. It was 3-2, Agawam.

Chicopee had one last legitimate chance at 2:59. LaPierre got loose in front of the Brownie goal—albeit a little far out—and launched one from 20 yards. It was right on, but it hit the crossbar and bounced high. The Brownie faithful breathed a bit easier after that one went awry.

It ended with a 3-2 Agawam win. Brownie coach Dwight Northrup, a genuine good guy, was beaming as he strode off the field. "This is the kind of soccer I came here to teach," he said. Northrup then added what he thought was the key to this game: "We got in close enough to have the opportunity to score, but not close enough to have the goalie get a chance to come out and get his hands on the ball."

It was a good win for the Brownies. It sets them up, confidence-wise, for the upcoming league games. Agawam is now 1-3, and they're 0-1 in league play. The Friday night Northampton game (at Northampton) will be a crucial test.

AHS Girls' Gymnastic Team Ready To Open 1994 Campaign Sept. 23rd

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Gymnastics is perhaps the most graceful of sports. It combines art and athletic ability. Agawam has a girls' gymnastics team. They open their season on Friday, September 23rd. Last year, they went 13-7 in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. Heather Sawyer, their first-year coach, talked about her team and what they do.

There are four events in girls' gymnastics: the balance beam, uneven bars, vaulting, and floor exercises. Sawyer says she has some very good athletes who'll compete in all of the above: **Melanie Demastrie**, a sophomore, is a top all-arounder along with junior **Becky White**, sophomore **Kelly Mullins**, and freshman **Kara Freeman**. Sawyer notes that this team is strong, and the four aforementioned young ladies (of the 13 on the team) will be her blue chippers.

They'll have eight regular season meets. They are currently in the "B" division of the MIAA. If they do well in those meets, they'll have an opportunity to move up to the "A" division; that means more prestige and more interest in the program. Sawyer says they can win the "B" division.

Then she addressed the finer points of the sport. First, the balance beam. It looks dangerous, but according to Sawyer, it's not that hard a discipline: "You have to practice a lot, and you have to practice on a line on the floor and do the low beam. But basically it's practice and confidence."

The uneven bars are perhaps the most dangerous and difficult of the events. Sawyer says, "It's a discipline that takes a tremendous amount of strength and conditioning. The girls

who compete in this event have had to have done gymnastics for years."

She adds that the girls who compete in gymnastics don't look like body builders. Their secret is a lot of aerobic exercises. Their goal is a higher vascular endurance.

Sawyer is an instructor at the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam. She notes that most of the girls she coaches now have been with her for four years. She's been in gymnastics most of her life and is going to school for health fitness, which gives her an insight into the best methods for conditioning and the prevention of injuries.

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From My Side Of The Field

- Returning To High School Sports -

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

I believe it was the distinguished author Thomas Wolfe who said, "You can't go home again."

I believe he was a little off the mark. Life and fate play a big part in anyone's destiny. For this sports journalist, the circle is joined. I'm back where I started many years ago; on the playing fields that are the purest of them all—high school!

Fields were the grass is green and actually real. Where dust (like an old pungent memory of simpler times) is kicked up in practices and even in games. A place where the games themselves aren't hermetically sealed in, like a commodity that would go bad if it were exposed to real air and sunlight.

It's a place where most of the athletes aren't particularly gifted by God with skills that one day might make them young and often irresponsible millionaires. Yet all of them have one of the most precious of commodities: heart. The pros talk about it. And maybe that's why they get the big money. College coaches talk about it. And maybe that's why some of them reach under the table and pay the big money as well. There is no corruption in this place, no greed.

There are no limousines in this place. Most of these athletes get to games in buses or the family car. There are no plush elevators to the press boxes, or restaurants once you get there that serve up free and toothsome meals.

In this place, you go up rickety stairs or ascend ladders of questionable durability and angle to those press boxes, which share much of the same qualities as the structures you took to climb up to them.

In this place you don't have to get by a skeptical secretary to talk to the athletic director. In this place doors are always open. In this place you talk to the head coach (whether they win or lose) on

the field, or—if your time is tight—on the phone the next day.

There are no press rooms where that person is protected by a table and a time schedule. In this place you can talk to the athletes as well. Many are shy, blessed with the innocence of youth. Life has not yet copped most of them an attitude. They're simply kids. It's refreshing.

In this place you can take your notebook and lay down on your elbow in the grass at the end zone edge of a girls' field hockey game. You can sit in the stands, if you like. You can hear the parents talking. They don't know that you might write about the exploits of their sons and daughters on the playing field.

In this place you can watch the building and molding of young people. You watch them running on the sidelines. You watch them encourage their teammates. You watch them work together. You watch the good, dedicated coaches who try so hard not only to win, but more importantly, make the kids winners in life. In this place I firmly believe that these young people are encouraged to become eternal flames, not singular and silent beacons.

The circle is completed in this place. I wish some—or even all—of the jaded, time-weary people who cover sports (or even play it at the highest levels) could come back down here and smell not the roses, but the grass, the fresh air of small towns, and yes, even the dust.

This is the rich breeding ground of dreams. This is the place of magic where so many of us who ever participated in sports or loved its basic, eternal rhythms return; to see a son or daughter, a grandson or granddaughter who might have been like we were so many years ago—a yearling full of hope, joy, and surrounded by boundless horizons.

These are the playing fields of our youth. Embrace them for, hopefully, they will never change.

Agawam Youth
Football Splits
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This past Sunday (September 18th), the junior and senior players traveled to Springfield to play the Springfield South teams.

The young and inexperienced junior players played hard but came up short, 22-0. Matt Dion caught three passes for 74 yards. Leading the defense in tackles were Brian Pedersen, Tony Liquori, Andy Siana, Brian Santinello, Matt Dion, Ryan Lottermoser, Bill Menard, Matt Shea, and Jeff Robinson. The fans enjoyed the hard effort from every player even when the game was almost over.

The veteran senior squad defeated the Southies, 22-8. Jim Dziedzina got the game off to a great start. He intercepted a Springfield South pass and ran it back 33 yards for a touchback. Mike Martin caught the two-point conversion pass.

Agawam scored again in the first half when Mike Buoniconti raced 13 yards for a touchdown. Bob Fuller caught the two-point conversion pass. Early in the second half, Andy St. Jean threw a perfect 22-yard touchdown pass to Bob Fuller.

Agawam's defense pushed back the Southies for a negative four yards rushing through three quarters. The Southies came back for a late fourth-quarter score.

The offensive line (Mike Blevins, Brian Gallagher, Jeremy Graves, Justin Petrangelo, and Rob Liard) gave quarterbacks Mike Buoniconti and Andy St. Jean excellent protection all day. The leading rusher was Mike Buoniconti with 56 yards on four carries. The leading receiver was Bob Fuller with three receptions for 38 yards.

Leading the excellent defensive team on tackles were Russell Smith, Mike Buoniconti, Matt Slattery, Eric Preston, Wayne Paradysz, Jerry Graves, Justin Petrangelo, Shawn Biebel, Adam Cottuli, and Mike Martin.

This Saturday night, September 24th, the teams travel to Holyoke.

The next home game will be Sunday, October 2nd, starting at 1:00 p.m. at Phelps Field on School Street.

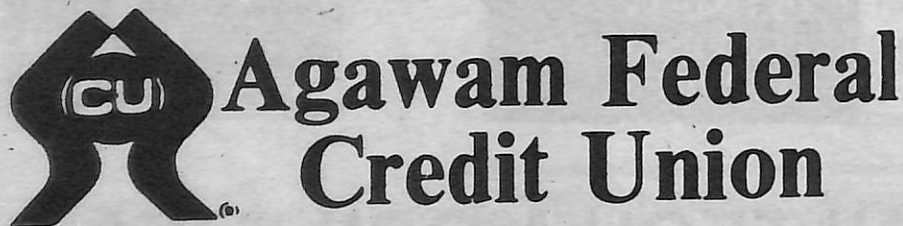
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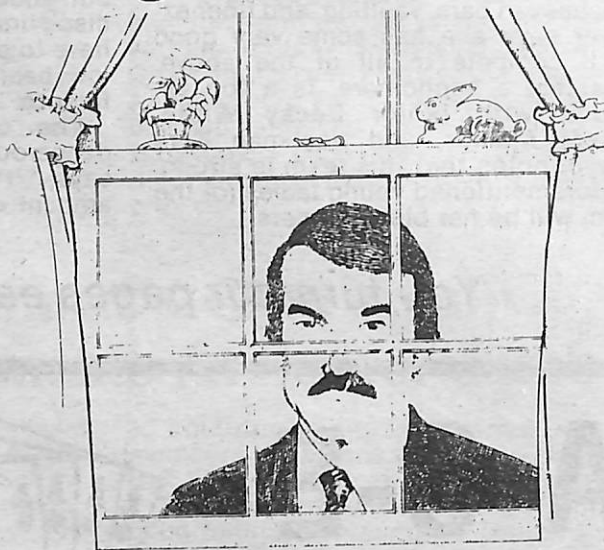
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The Connecticut fall archery season will consist of two segments—September 15th-November 19th and December 26th-31st. Four deer (two of which must be antlerless), may be taken by bowhunters possessing a valid 1994 small game and deer archery permit. The permit entitles archers to hunt on state or private lands in zones open to hunting, although written consent from the landowner is required of private land hunters.

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The bow season opens September 15th in New Hampshire and will close December 15th. Bowhunting is one of the fastest growing sports in New Hampshire. In 1980, there were 4,724 licensed bowhunters. That number has climbed steadily each season since, and last year, 21,651 residents and nonresidents purchased archery licenses. Most hunt deer, but some pursue turkey, bear, and other game animals.

Anglers are catching more lake trout and landlocked salmon in Lake Champlain due to the Lamprey control program started five years ago.

In order to continue the successful program, fisheries' personnel will again apply "TFM," a lamprey control agent, to streams that were treated during 1990, the first year of the program. Vermont's Lewis Creek, and New York's Ausable River, Little Ausable River, Boquet River, Salmon River, and Putnam Creek will receive TFM treatments this fall.

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The Ring Mountain Sportsmen's Club in East Hartland, Connecticut, will hold bow ham and turkey shoots on September 25th and October 8th, starting at noon each day. The club is located at the end of Balance Rock Road, one mile north of the center of town on Route 20.

Suffield Sportsmen's Association's turkey shoots started Sunday, September 18th and will continue until dusk each Sunday until November 20th. The public and families are invited. Shooting will be held rain or shine beneath a covered area, with refreshments available.

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OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, the Riverside Soccer Classic had as its guest U.S. National Women's Team goalie Briana Scurry. Briana will be with the USA squad in 1995 in Sweden for the Women's World Cup and in Atlanta in 1996 for the Olympics. From left -Ray Scott, Agawam Soccer Association president; Wes Scott, ASA Pioneer Valley player (Ray's son); Briana; and Dwight Northrup, Agawam High boys' varsity soccer coach.

Rain, Rain, & More Rain Spoils Riverside's September 17th Raceway Events

The management of Riverside Park Speedway tried everything, but it rained, rained, and rained!

At 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17th, as the first feature for the Strictly Stocks was ready to take the first green, rain came. Through the efforts of the Strictly Stocks, the track was dried and the event was run.

And then, just as the Mini Stocks were about to go green, the sky opened up. So, the Super Stocks came out to dry the track.

For 45 minutes they tried to dry it, and then even more rain—heavy rain—came down. Therefore, the management was forced to make a decision.

This coming Saturday, September 24th, Riverside will host the \$5,000-to-win Megabucks Enduro. Because the race on September 17th was supposed to be the last point event for Riverside's 1994 season, the speedway will resume this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. where it left off in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series event; that means qualifying heats in the Late Models, Modifieds, and Pro Stocks.

With the qualified feature events in the Super Stocks, Legends, and Mini Stocks, those three divisions will not run any other events, just the ones qualified. The Pro Stocks, Modifieds, and Late Models will have to run heats and a feature. In addition to this, the four-cylinder Enduro will be run, as well as the \$5,000-to-win Megabucks Enduro, Figure 8 races, and the Demo Derby.

The event is priced at just \$12.99 (for adults) with the Enduro run rain or shine. Only pit passes rain-checked stamped are good for this event. The pit fee is \$20 per person for Enduro events.

The pits open at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the race, and the racing action is scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. (Remember, the Enduro is run rain or shine.)

Going back to the evening of September 17th, the Strictly Stock main event was the only feature run. Keith Miller led the first eight laps, and then Al Leone outpowered him for the lead. Leone, driving Charette's Monti Carlo, was so strong as the leader that he pulled away by almost a straightaway.

The next good battle was for second, as Ken Marques and Scott Neleber battled side by side. Ed Charette, driving the number 66, also had a great fight going on for a top-five finish.

At the checker, it was Al Leone with the easy victory. Ken Marques ended the event with another second-place finish, followed by Scott Neleber, Ed Charette, and Todd Owens.

Sixth through 10th were earned by Tom Diljo, Vinny Buonocore, Roger Fujimoto, Joe Arena, and Keith Fuller. Finishing 11th through 15th were Dave Ellison, Keith Carzello, Roy Houle, Rob Valerio, and Jay Miller.

"This was a special win. I need to thank Charette Concrete, Ed Charette, my mother (who sat through the rain), and my girlfriend. It's been a tough year, but we never gave up," said the veteran Leone.

The next and final Enduro after the \$5,000-to-win event on September 24th is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th ... "The Halloween Howler Enduro"!!!

This race will be run in part rain or shine and will feature Figure 8 heats, a full-size Enduro, four-cylinder Enduro, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, Legends, and more. In addition, there will be a "Best Costume" contest for the fans and the kids.

For further information about any of the remaining events for Riverside's 1994 season, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

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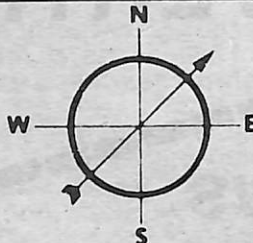
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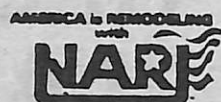
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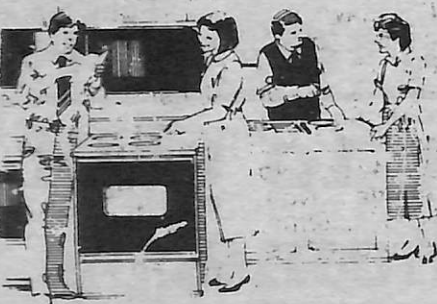
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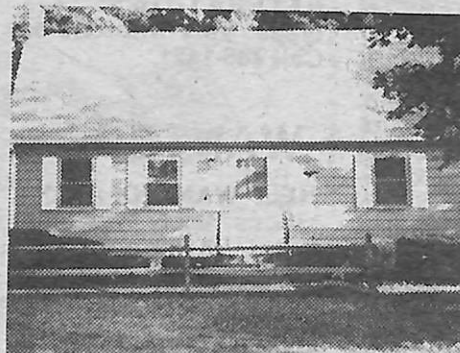


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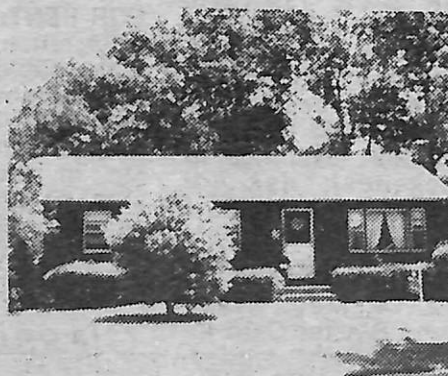
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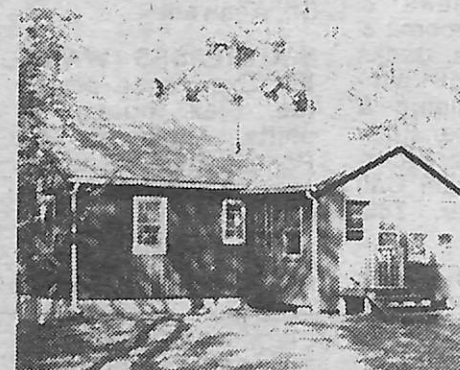


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